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Editorial

THIS year, a break with tradition has occurred in the publishing of *The Swan*. We are going to press early in the Summer term, instead of late June. In this way we hope to avoid the situation of being able to include only half the season's cricket and athletics. A complete break having occurred, therefore, no cricket and athletics for this year will be found in the magazine.

Since at least one of the editors last sat on the penitential stool of editorship, much has happened in the life and times of the School. The extensions talked of in last year's editorial have now become reality. In due course, all the new rooms have been occupied, and as we write, the new Library in all its contemporary splendour is just coming into use. This magnificent room is indeed a worthy and dignified acquisition to the School and good use of its amenities should prove to be of benefit to all. The division rooms, in spite of unusual acoustics have become a notable feature of Sixth Form work, and work is commencing in the Metalwork Shop. The new canteen, already a more pleasant place in which to eat than the Hall, has been further enhanced by the provision of chairs for all, so that the alimentary canals of all diners may benefit from an upright posture. Great changes are occurring in the Hall, entailing the erection of a completely new stage and proscenium. This has necessitated the division of Assembly into two parts, an unwelcome but essential procedure.

We have, during the last year, welcomed to the School many visitors from abroad. At one time during last Summer, the playgrounds at break resembled miniature United Nations Assemblies. The bulk of these immigrants were composed of boys from Timmendorferstrand in Germany, and from the Lycée de Troyes. We are always pleased to welcome visitors from abroad: in this manner we are able in a small way to understand our neighbours.

Not only have we been at the receiving end of visits; in addition to the usual excursions, whether for work or pleasure, to Wales or Lake District, a party was taken to Aix-en-Provence in the Summer. No international incidents having happened, we may assume that was a success; an account is found elsewhere in *The Swan*.

The cultural life of the School continues; the societies, although with a slightly limited number of activities, have provided much of interest and enjoyment. Highlights have included the visit of Mr. George Cansdale, known as "The Telly Zoo-man," and his pet snakes, and the Dramatic Society's production at Christmas of "The Amazing Dr. Chitterhouse." The Sixth Form organised an Inter-Schools' Dance which was a success financially, and socially.

There has been, since last year, a twenty per cent. rise in the cost of production of *The Swan*. In order to maintain the present reasonable price we must sell more copies of *The Swan*. To do this the quality of the contributions must be raised, and also the number of them. It is up to every member of the School to play his part in this important feature of our School life.

J. R. LITTLE, I. G. SIMMONS, T. N. TAYLOR.

School Notes

IN SEPTEMBER we welcomed Mr. R. J. Richards, Mr. R. Gibbs, and Mr. J. Redgrave to the teaching staff. Mr. Gibbs took Mr. Luck's place as Master for Physical Education, Mr. Richards joined the Mathematics Department, and Mr. Redgrave came to assist Mr. Doncaster in the Handicraft Department with special reference to the new study of metalwork.

At Christmas we took farewell of Mr. J. Bell, who left to join a large Secondary Modern School at Harlow New Town, Essex; of Mr. J. H. Harries, transferring to Langley Marish Primary School; and of Mr. L. J. Monk, who went to teach mathematics at a Secondary Modern School in Middlesex. We are grateful to them for their good service to the school and wish them happiness and success in their new posts.

In January we welcomed Mr. D. M. Surry to replace Mr. Bell for Geography and English, and he has quickly become one of us.

Mr. G. Jobert came from France in September to spend a year with us and he has proved a valuable assistant in our language department, and takes a keen interest in our general school activities.

Before leaving us last July Mr. G. Tourret and the group of French boys from Troyes assisted the County Visual Aids Officer in making a dialogue film in French. This was highly successful and has been shown to audiences at Missenden Abbey.

Representatives of the School Governors and the Old Paludians joined us at Morning Prayers on Wednesday, November 30th. On this occasion a Bible and a lectern in oak were presented by the Old Paludians in memory of Mr. E. R. Clarke, the late Head Master, and a memorial plaque to him was unveiled in the entrance hall by the Head Boy of the School.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Wharmby on the birth of their second son; to Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Purvis on the birth of their first-born son; to Mr. & Mrs. Vivash on the birth of their second son; and to Mr. & Mrs. Madge on the birth of their second daughter.

Our congratulations go to Lieut. Terence Groome, both for his success in graduating B.Sc.(Econ.) of London University, and more recently for gaining his commission in the Brigade of Guards. He has now joined his battalion of the Coldstream Guards in Western Germany for his period of National Service.

Interesting news comes from Lieut. David Bracknell of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, who is doing his National Service in Cyprus, where he arrived last Christmas Eve. He hopes to be home in July and then to go back to Oxford for his theological training and subsequent ordination.

Twenty-one boys took up places at University this past October, and this number constituted yet another record for the School. In addition three former pupils have entered Training Colleges.

In December Mr. Purvis, with the School Dramatic Society, again produced a most successful stage performance, this time of "The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse" by Barré Lyndon.

Modification of the stage and proscenium now being made should further assist the training for dramatic work given in the School.

The School Orchestra, trained by Mr. Hampshire, played interval music with great skill and quality.

At Speech Day on the 7th December we were honoured by having the Right Rev. Eric Hamilton, M.A., Dean of Windsor, as our principal guest.

Even more members of the Sixth Form attended the Christmas Conference of the Council for Education in World Citizenship, and we have also had keen participation in the Leonardo da Vinci lectures.

On July 9th the Old Paludians played the School at cricket and co-operated also in a Fair to raise money partly for the building of a Sports Pavilion on the Old Paludians Ground at Taplow, and in part for the School Magazine Fund. Our thanks to all who made both events so successful.

The expedition by 23 senior boys under the leadership of Mr. J. Collin and Mr. A. D. Purvis to Aix en Provence on the Mediterranean Coast was most successful. Mr. J. Lautaud, the father of Mr. Lautaud, who spent a year with us in 1954, won the hearts and sincere gratitude of all members by his friendliness and kindness in arranging special visits in the City of Aix.

The reciprocal visit by 17 of our boys with Mr. & Mrs. Street to Timendorferstrand, Germany, during August was much enjoyed and of considerable value to the participants. It is hoped that further exchanges of a similar nature may be arranged in the future.

Congratulations to Lieut. W. A. F. Morgan, who was placed well in the "top third" at the passing out tests at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and has now joined his regiment, the Royal Corps of Signals.

By kind invitation of the Head Master of Eton College, staff and members of our Sixth Form were guests at a performance of *L'Avare*, by Molière.

The number of boys passing their cyclist proficiency test is growing rapidly. Since Easter this has become a necessary qualification for boys wishing to cycle to school. We are grateful to Mr. Hatt of the Slough Police Force for his regular talks on road safety, and for the zeal and interest he shows in conducting the official tests week by week.

Last summer a party of Sixth Form Scientists spent a long weekend at Juniper Hall Centre doing botanical studies, and at the end of March a group went to Dale Fort Centre for biological work.

On Wednesday, July 13th, a social evening was held for the French boys and German boys and girls with their Slough hosts and hostesses, and this proved a most enjoyable gathering.

On the school field on July 13th Mr. D. Luck gave his final gymnastic display, which reached an unsurpassed standard.

The annual Lakeland expedition took place again this Easter and enjoyed very good weather. A hasty dash across the border to Edinburgh was included in the programme.

A very comprehensive display of physical education throughout the school was presented to visiting parents and friends on the evening of March 22nd in the School Hall. Mr. C. Franks, County Organiser of Physical Education, and Mr. D. Luck judged the apparatus work in the competition for the Luck Cup, narrowly won by A. C. Henry. We are grateful to the Whitchurch Morris Men who joined our own Morris Men in dancing on this occasion.

Eighteen from our Sixth Form took part in the S.C.M. for Schools Conference at Wycombe Royal Grammar School on Friday, 23rd March.

Congratulations to A. C. Henry and R. Keenan for their excellent reports following a cadet course at the Southern Command Physical Training School during the Christmas holidays.

On Saturday, 28th April, our School Aquarist Society organised an exhibition for their parent society, the Slough Aquarist Society.

School Officers

School Captain: I. G. Simmons.
Vice-Captain: J. A. Hobbs.

Senior Prefects: D. W. Guest, H. L. Phillips, K. Ball, B. Billington, B. Cleverley, J. Coward, J. Hughes, A. Marshall, J. Morgan, B. Pulsford, S. Painter, R. Scott, A. Tulip.

Junior Prefects: C. D. Elliot, J. R. G. Little, M. Bradshaw, N. Hammans, G. Hanson, R. Hester, G. King, R. Laing, D. Noble, G. Parkes, B. Parsons, J. Rees, A. Robinson, B. Schumann, M. Spinks, B. Thorp, J. Young, F. Harpley, K. Melia.

House Captains:

Gray: G. Parkes.
Hampden: J. Rees.

Herschel: J. Hobbs.
Milton: B. Pulsford.

Football Captain: B. Pulsford.

Hockey Captain: M. Deuchar.

Cross-Country Captain: B. Richardson.

Athletics Captain: J. Hobbs.

Cricket Captain: D. C. Jones.

Salvete

D. Airley, D. Alder, B. Antill, R. Ash, B. Attock, C. Benton, J. Benton, M. Boweren, D. Bowley, K. Broderick, B. Brown, G. Bull, J. Burden, C. Burley, R. Burry, B. Carter, P. Chatman, D. Clark, R. Cobbett, C. Cook, R. Curry, T. Curtis, J. Deans, C. Dickinson, D. Dilly, M. Elliot, M. Elquezael, T. Daly, J. Emerson, C. Evans, K. Folker, P. Franks, P. Gardener, D. Beer, R. Giles, J. Godber, I. Goff, K. Haines, J. Hartill, N. Hearn, I. Herbert, A. Hickman, K. Hickson, G. Higgins, F. Hopkins, M. Houchin, C. Hughes, E. Husbands, M. Irvine, K. Isaac, R. Izard, M. Jones, R. Kane, M. Kolaszynski, D. Lawson, J. Le Page, T. Lewis, C. Louch, C. Martin, S. Martin, R. Moore, D. Morten, T. Organ, W. Page, D. Perkins, J. Prosser, J. Ratchford, M. Rees, J. Robotham, G. Riglar, R. Savage, J. Sayer, K. Scribbins, P. Serjent, R. Sherlock, F. Shrubbs, P. Sirey, P. Skillings, B. Slade, A. Smyth, M. Solomon, J. Spencer, D. Spring, J. Stacey, P. Steinwender, P. Stopp, G. Sturgeon, C. Taylor, G. Thomas, G. G. Thomas, R. Thornhill, C. Timms, N. Warden, R. Wells, D. White-Taylor, M. Wilson, C. Young, B. Malone, G. Bradley, I. Bradshaw, M. Canty, W. Tong, E. Clements, D. Freeman, I. Elliott, R. Burke, W. Dewar, D. Buckley, L. Hendy, C. Marshall, W. Carter, T. Turner, B. Roberts, R. Whiten, R. Stackhouse, J. Jepson, M. Bainbridge, C. Makepeace.

Valete

P. Anderson, R.A.F. (N.S.); F. Barnes, L.S.E.; J. Barnes, Timber Merch.; D. Clarke, Borough Road T.T.C.; S. Cutts, Reading Univ.; B. Garner, Notts Univ.; R. Giles, C. Giles, Manchester Univ.; L. Glanville, Leeds Univ.; L. Goldfine, K.C.L.; W. J. Hines, K.C.L.; A. Jones, L.S.E.; D. Jones, Bristol Univ.; J. Mansfield, Guy's Hosp.; D. Miles, Bristol Univ.; A. Painter, R.A.F.; A. Rackstraw, Accountancy; E. Rayner, L.S.E.; C. Smethurst, Keble Coll., Oxford; A. G. Stroud, London Hosp. (Dental); M. Thurgood, U.C.L.; J. Turner, Bristol Univ.; E. Wallner, Notts Univ.; G. Wittchell, Bristol Univ.; J. Jordan, Accountancy.

J. Hinds, Shell; D. Pritchard, Rheostatic; A. Smith, S.E.B.; R. York, Accountancy.

J. Alder, Monsanto; R. Ayling, Fulmer Res.; P. Blay, Skiaky; B. Bradford, Fulmer Res.; J. Briggs, Bowers; D. Burton, G.P.O.; K. Butler, Town Hall; J. Clarke, Accy.; R. Colgate, Bell's; L. Cooley, B.T. Res.; B. Cross, I.C.I.; B. Dearlove, Accy.; R. Dobson, Barclays; C. Doolan; T. Driver, Cooper's; A. Edmunds, Cooper's; J. Evans, rem. to Exeter; J. Fielows, Cem. & Conc. Lab.; G. Flynn, H.D.A.; J. Francis, Dist. Bank; R. Francis, R.A.F.; A. Fricker, A.C.O.; J. Gibson, Vulcan; J. Glanville, B.T.R.; R. Grier, Accy.; C. Hale, St. Helen's; K. Hamilton, Cem. & Conc.; E. Harmon, Black & Decker; R. Henry, I.C.I.; I. Hogg, St. Helen's; G. Hull, B.T.R.; J. Kennedy, Hawkers; B. Lamont, Wilkinson's; A. Memmot, Ditton Park Rad. Res.; C. Miles, Accy.; D. Millard, to Canada; G. Morgan, Police Cadet; D. Morris, to Australia; A. Naylor, Monsanto; P. O'Keefe, Sun Life; A. Orton, R.A.F.; G. Rechten, to Germany; C. Roberts, Dist. Bank; A. Rogers, to Essex; J. Scott-Kiddie, I.C.I.; K. Seagrove, G. D. Peters; M. Smith, Monsanto; P. Smith, C.F.E.; C. Symons, Fulmer Res.; B. Thomas, Wyckham Farrance; G. Thompson, Pasolds Ltd.; B. Tinnmouth, farming; R. Vaughan, M.N.; A. Webb, J. Wells; P. Whetton, Road Res.; J. Willis, Veedip; M. Wingrove, Fulmer Res.; I. Wright, Uxbridge Town Hall; A. Young, Vulcan.

H. Enterkin, R. Beasley, J. Stableford, R. Hall, J. Moreby, D. Greenwood, J. Kyle, T. Longland.

Speech Day, 1955

ON DECEMBER 7th, the boys of the School, with many of their parents and friends, were pleased to welcome as their guest speaker and prize-giver the Dean of Windsor, the Rt. Rev. Eric Hamilton, M.A. He, the Headmaster, and the other guests were introduced by the Chairman of the Governors, County Alderman Aubrey E. Ward. Then, for the first time, the whole school sung the Lord's Prayer in four parts. After this, the Headmaster delivered his report, praising the progress of the School and its consolidation of previous success. He had high hopes of this Sixth-Form, trusting that the examination results would confirm the many provisional places gained at Universities. The new extensions to the School would provide a great deal more space for work, and he expected subsequent improvements in the standards attained by his boys. After an hour of informative oratory, Dr. Long sat down for the Dean of Windsor to speak. After remarking on the success of the boys, he thanked the parents, as being the greatest influence over them. His interesting and humorous speech ended with a word of warning: do not lose faith in spiritual values. In jovial mood, he presented the many awards, thanked by the Head Boy, I. G. Simmons, and his deputy, J. A. Hobbs. The evening was rounded off by the two School choirs singing four songs under the direction of the retiring Music Master, Mr. Harries.

J.R.L.

PRIZES FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JULY, 1955.

Form

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| 1C | Parsons, A. (1st in Form); Salmon, P. (2nd in Form); Taylor, N. G. (3rd in Form). |
| 1B | Hellmuth, C. A. (1st in Form); Mearns, J. B. (2nd in Form); Lister, D. H. (3rd in Form). |
| 1A | French, M. R. (1st in Form); Eyre, J. (2nd in Form); Froggatt, H. W. (3rd in Form). |
| 2E | Farnell, M. R. (1st in Form); Chaplin, R. G. (2nd in Form); Hanson, J. M. (3rd in Form). |
| 2A | Palmer, R. (1st in Form); Dearlove, R. E. (2nd in Form); Fraser, D. M. (3rd in Form). |
| 2L | de Burton, A. D. (1st in Form); Whitaker, R. J. (2nd in Form); Head, M. S. (3rd in Form). |

- 3g Smith, G. (1st in Form); Martin, K. (2nd in Form).
 3g Knight, T. F. (1st in Form); Colbourne, M. (2nd in Form); Clark, J. (3rd in Form).
 3l Halstead, K. S. H. (1st in Form); Lucas Smith, A. (2nd in Form); Levings, A. P. (3rd in Form).
 4b Hughes, R. and Tandy, R. W. G. (1st in Form).
 4a Barker, J. (1st in Form); Passler, J. (2nd in Form); Watts, B. K.
 4l Hudson, A. (1st in Form); Odell, B. G. (2nd in Form); O'Donoghue, (3rd in Form).
 L.6 Billington, B. J. (*Biology and Physics*); Bradshaw, M. F. (*For willing service*); Harpley, F. W. (*Pure and Applied Maths. and a wide range of efficient service*); Hughes, J. F. (*General progress and willing service*); Little, J. R. G. (*French, Latin*); Marshall, A. E. (*English*); Morgan, J. E. (*Chemistry and Physics*); Parsons, B. A. (*For willing service, especially in connection with School games*); Thorp, B. (*Geography*).

[On results in Examinations for Oxford General Certificate of Education (O.L.)]

FIFTH FORMS.

- Bester, R. (Geography, 8 subjects).
 Clarke, J. E. (Physics, History, 9 subjects).
 Kennedy, J. W. (Woodwork, 6 subjects).
 Lawrence, P. E. (French, 5 subjects).
 Morris, D. (General Science, Art, 6 subjects).
 Rowe, A. J. (English Language, 9 subjects).
 Seagrove, K. (Maths., 3 subjects).
 Wheeler, P. C. (English Literature, Latin, Chemistry, 9 subjects).
 Wilson, R. J. (Biology, 9 subjects).

SIXTH FORM.

Clarke, D. G. (Spanish).

Certificates (Fifth Form)

- 9 subjects Bowers, A. R.; Clarke, J. E.; Dobson, R. F.; Elstone, K. F.; C. E. (3rd in Form).
 Matthews, E. G.; Richardson, B.; Rowe, A. J.; Spelman, M. J.
 Spooner, D. C.; Wheeler, P. C.; Wilson, R. J.
 8 subjects Arthur, D. G.; Bester, R.; Cousins, M.; Dearlove, B.; Deuchar, M. A. W.; Hyde, S. J.; Siney, J. J.; Willis, J.; Windle, D.; Wright, I.
 7 subjects Blay, P.; Dovey, M. S.; Millard, D.; Rechten, G.; Wynne-Jones, J. A.
 6 subjects Butler, K.; Cross, B.; Doolan, C.; Grier, R.; Jones, P. R.; Jones, P. W.; Kennedy, J. W.; Morris, D.; Taylor, T. N.; Williams, C. J.
 5 subjects Adaway, P.; Bell, D.; Bradford, B.; Cooley, L. F.; Cooper, R.; Glanville, J. P.; Howells, D.; Hull, G.; Lawrence, P. E.; Naylor, A. J.; Roberts, C. F.; Wingrove, M.
 4 subjects Alder, J. E.; Buckland, A.; Clements, A. A.; Duesbury, A.; Fellows, J.; Gore, F.; Hawes, M.; Henry, R. C.; Memmott, A.; Rayner, M.; Tunbridge, D. E. L.; Vaughan, R. T.; Webb, A.
 3 subjects Aria, R.; Beasley, R. R.; Colgate, R. A.; Hogg, I.; Long, B.; Miles, C.; O'Keefe, P. J.; Seagrove, K. V.; Scott-Kiddie, J. Smith, P. J.; Thompson, E.; Tinmouth, B. W.

Additional to Sixth Form Studies.

- 1 subject Barnes, F. B.; Clarke, D. G.; Garner, B. J.; Jones, A. P.; Painter, S. T.; Phillips, H. L.; Wallner, E.

Upper Sixth Form.

Oxford Certificate of Education (Advanced and Scholarship Levels).

Prizes.

- Anderson, P. (Physics, Chemistry, 3 subjects at Advanced Level, Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Barnes, F. B. (English, 1 subject at Scholarship Level, 2 at Advanced Level, 1 at Ordinary Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Garner, B. J. (1 subject at Scholarship Level, 1 at Advanced Level, 1 at Ordinary Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Giles, C. G. (Economics, 1 subject at Advanced Level, 1 at Scholarship Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Giles, R. M. (1 subject at Scholarship Level, 2 at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Glanville, L. C. (3 subjects at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Goldfine, L. J. (2 subjects at Advanced Level, 1 at Scholarship Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Hines, W. J. W. (Botany, Zoology, 2 subjects at Scholarship Level, 1 at Advanced Level, Distinction in Zoology. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Jones, A. P. (3 subjects at Advanced Level, 1 at Ordinary Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Jones, D. C. (1 subject at Scholarship Level, 2 subjects at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Mansfield, J. R. (3 subjects at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Miles, D. W. J. (1 subject at Scholarship Level, 2 at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Phillips, H. L. (Geography, 2 subjects at Advanced Level, 1 at Ordinary Level, Distinction in Geography. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Rayner, E. J. (English, History, Distinction in History, 2 subjects at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Scott, R. G. (Pure Maths., Applied Maths., 2 subjects at Scholarship Level, 1 at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Simmons, I. G. (1 subject at Scholarship Level, 1 at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Smethurst, C. (French, Latin, 1 Distinction at Advanced Level, 2 subjects at Scholarship Level. Distinction in French).
 Stroud, A. G. (4 subjects at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Thurgood, M. C. (2 subjects at Scholarship Level, 1 at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Tulip, A. (1 subject at Scholarship Level, 2 at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Turner, J. C. (Biology, 3 subjects at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).
 Wallner, G. R. (2 subjects at Scholarship Level, German at Ordinary Level).
 Wichell, G. R. (2 subjects at Scholarship Level, 1 at Advanced Level. Awarded a County Exhibition).

Certificates.

- Barnes, J. H.; Clarke, D. G.; Cleverley, B.; Coward, J. A.; Cutts, S. J.; Elliott, C. D.; Guest, D. W.; Hobbs, J. A.; Jordan, J. J.; Painter, A. S.; Painter, S. T.; Pulsford, B. H.; Rackstraw, A.

SPECIAL PRIZES

- Headmaster's Prize: Witchell, G. R. (Head Boy, 1954/55).
 The "Ford" Cup (*for outstanding voluntary service to the School*): Giles, R. M.
 Library Service Prize: Little, J. R. G.; Marshall, A. E.
 Dramatic Prize: Simmons, I. G.
 Swimming Championship Challenge Cup (*presented by County Alderman A. E. Ward*): Thomas, B. A.
 Old Paludians' House Shield (*for Games and Athletics*): Herschel House.
The Prize Fund has been greatly assisted by the generous donations received from Parents for which the School is most grateful.

School Activities

The Dramatic Society

THIS YEAR'S production of "The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse" by Barré Lyndon marks an important step in the development of the School's dramatics. The play, chosen by the actors, breaks with the usual procedure of "doing a classic". Shaw, Molière, Shakespeare, and Mr. Purvis were pushed aside in favour of this modern play. However, the masks of make-up and the disguises of costume were now gone, and the actors had to rely on their own—or rather the producer's—forceful presentation of the dialogue. How successful they were I leave for you, the audience, to decide.

Briefly, the plot is this: Doctor Clitterhouse is interested in criminals. He does not, however, as is usually the case, want to study the psychological effects of crime, but its physical effects. The only way to see the physical changes in a crook is to become one. This he does, and becomes more and more deeply involved, joining, and finally leading, a gang. The former leader, Benny Kellerman, visits Chitterhouse after a big fur robbery, snatches the doctor's notes about the "jobs", and threatens blackmail. Chitterhouse, faced with the loss of his precious notes, decides to perform the "ultimate crime"—murder. Calmly and deliberately he poisons Kellerman, and takes him to a river to drown him, thinking all the while of the verdict, "Death by misadventure." Subsequently, Chitterhouse indirectly tells his friend, a high-court judge, Sir William Grant, about his actions, to which the reply amounts to "Guilty but insane." Pathetic, resigned, sane, but so obsessed by his work that insanity results, Chitterhouse is led away by the police and the play ends.

Anthony Bowers as Dr. Chitterhouse sustained his part extremely well, despite an illness which made those on stage, for the first night at least, pass various remarks about ghosts and being dead on one's feet! His deserving performance was fully appreciated. However, he was well supported, particularly by Keith Ball, who was very impressive as Oakie, and by the comedy section, James Barker as "Pal" Green, and Harold Sandilands as Daisy, the gangster's moll. Roger Little, John Hughes, and Ian Simmons, playing Detective-Inspector Charles, Benny Kellerman and Sir William Grant respectively, were more than merely competent in their parts, while Roger Bester stopped the show on each of the three nights with his touching rendering of the part of "Badger" Lee. Other members of the cast with small, but, nevertheless, important rôles, were Kevin Melia, James Hobbs, Brian Pulsford and Howard Phillips.

Finally, let us not forget the men behind the scenes, without whom the whole project would be impossible. Special praise is due to the producer, Mr. Purvis, whose main task seemed not to produce the play but to make the members of the cast learn their words! This, however, is nothing new; it is an annual event. Also to Mr. Cave, who so ably managed the stage in the face of great difficulties. With his team of stage hands, he managed to change the scenery in a remarkably short time, considering the large pieces of décor he had to hustle out through an entirely inadequate door, and with no room in the wings to turn round in. The most awkward operations were completed with the minimum of delay. Thanks go, too, to all the many boys who worked so hard and for such long hours on the scenery, the lighting, the seating arrangements, with Mr. Wharmby in the box-office, and, under the able direction of Mr. Hampshire, with such excellent results, in the orchestra. They are, we trust, sufficiently rewarded: may their efforts long continue.

The School Library

Chief Librarian: A. E. Marshall; *Accessions Clerk:* M. S. Dovey; *Circulations Clerk:* D. E. Tunbridge; *Assistant Librarians:* R. Hester, B. Long, M. Rayner, J. Mant.

THIS YEAR we have achieved the remarkable feat of making progress amid retardation. The labourers assigned to our school extensions, working with their accustomed rapidity and eagerness, proudly presented us with an excellent new library last January, only four months later than promised. But it was completely devoid of furniture—a necessary requirement. So, with an expression, which had been seen once in September, of disappointment on our faces, we again resigned ourselves to the continuation of cramped facilities, and their consequent inconvenience. During the Easter holidays, however, the new library was fitted with the most pleasing contemporary-style furnishings and curtains, with a record cabinet and a magazine stand. By the time this article has appeared in print, all library members will be enjoying the extended facilities, the less confined space, and the pleasant, quiet surroundings which our new library will afford us.

The year has seen the execution of a great deal of routine work. It will not be long before every book bears its appropriate class—browsing borrowers will have noticed the appearance of small white rectangles on the spines of books. In the Autumn term the machinery for dealing with new books was tested by an influx of 600 volumes which were bequeathed to the school by Mrs. E. L. Vaughan of Eton, whose kindness is acknowledged by an appropriate inscription in the books. A team of librarians was let loose upon these books, and they reappeared "from behind the screen" ready for use in less than a month. From the National Book Sales Mr. Waite purchased about 100 books which came into circulation in March.

At one of our monthly librarians' meetings last December, Mr. Waite put to us the proposal that a catalogue of our stock of 4,500 volumes should be commenced in January. After much discussion a conclusion on how this was to be done was reached. The librarians wanted to maintain the circulation of books as near usual as possible while cataloguing was going on. So Mr. Waite decided to take one section of books at a time up into the new library, where a chosen team of the best scriptographers in the school would catalogue them. They have so far done the 1,800 books of the History, Biography, Geography, Fiction and Pure Science sections.

J. Little, owing to the pressure of other commitments, left the library staff early in 1956 after eighteen months' good work. One word should be said to acknowledge the hard work of the librarians and the helpfulness of the many boys who have willingly "volunteered" to do various jobs throughout the year.

A.E.M.

Return to Fort Tregantle

CAMP THIS SUMMER will again be at Fort Tregantle, just across the estuary from Plymouth. Last year we went to Weymouth, where the weather was good, the site (overlooking Chesil Beach) invigorating and where several of our company distinguished themselves.

Our Signallers set up an exchange and laid some very difficult telephone lines which worked efficiently. They also received instruction from Royal Signals N.C.O.'s on the No. 19 and No. 22 wireless sets.

There were two night manoeuvres, the first of which, Operation Hot Potatoes, ended rather abruptly!

The County Sports were held on Weymouth Grammar School ground in very hot sunshine, and there, Cadet Gillard won the Marshall Cup for the best performance of the day.

Last July's Certificate "A" Part I successes have provided an unusually large number of candidates for the full Certificate this summer. We wish all of them success.

Seven Cadets have been to Signal Courses at Bulford Camp on Salisbury Plain and L/C Rees did well to pass the Instructor's course so soon after becoming "Classified."

For the first time we sent Cadets to Army Physical Training Courses at Christmas and Easter. Cadet Henry was awarded an "A" on the first course at Salisbury and went on to the advanced course at Aldershot where he qualified for the Badge of Crossed Swords.

By permission of the Chief Signal Officer, Southern Command, our Signal Section has been loaned two No. 22 wireless sets and any lunch time these two terms would find C/Sgt. Bell in wireless communication with many other schools within a range of 20-30 miles.

Our Quiz Team has not been so successful this year as in the past but we can congratulate Sgt. Hanson for his consistently high scoring and dogged leadership under conditions which have been at times very trying.

An open range has its obvious drawbacks, but for the first time for many years some of our members have been able to qualify in the Empire Test and we have entered a team in the Duncombe Cup competition.

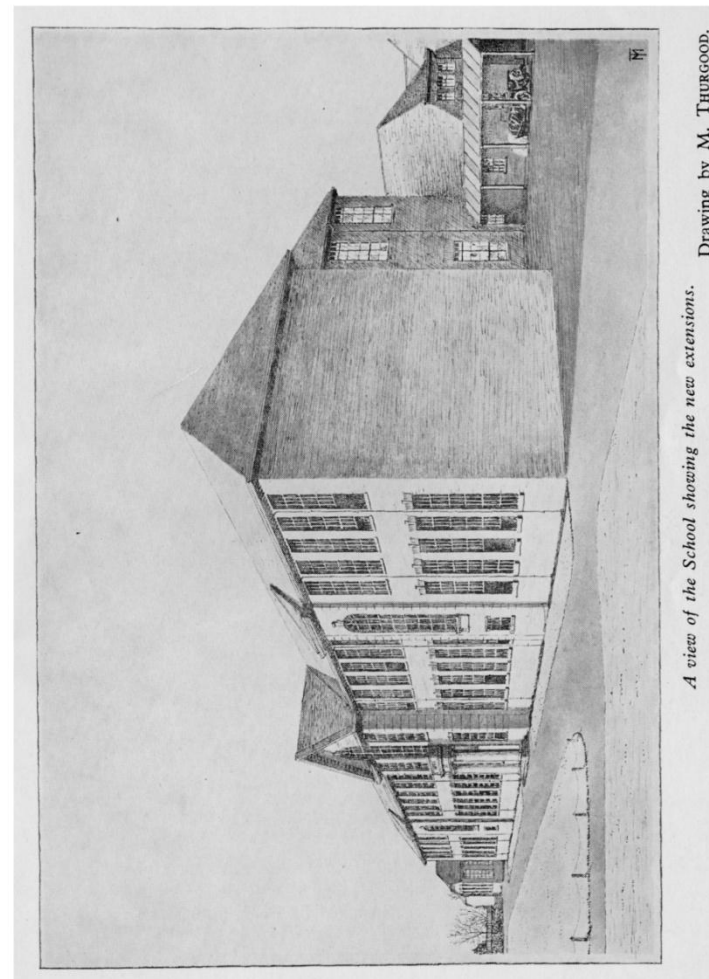
We are sorry to be losing this term Cadet Williams, a promising shot, Cpl. Robinson, a Cadet of long standing and proved loyalty, and C/Sgt. Bell, who as Senior N.C.O., Senior Signal Instructor, in his extremely efficient work in the Armoury and Stores and in his leadership at last year's Camp, has been a tower of strength.

Successes in examinations and at courses:-

Certificate "A" Part I: L/Cs. Beasley, Butcher, Flynn, Rees, Ward. Cadets Burfoot, Cook, Lamb, Ralley, Whipps. Part II: Sgt. Elstone, Cpl. Naylor. Signals Classification: L/Cs. Rees, Butcher, Young. Signals Instructor: L/C. Rees. Physical Training Preliminary: Cadets Henry, Keenan, Gillard, Flynn. Advanced: Cadets Henry and Keenan.

Extra-Mural Activities of the Sixth Forms

MEMBERS OF THE Upper Sixth and Lower Sixth Forms continue to take an active interest in conferences, discussions and lecture-series held outside the school and generally out of school time. Twenty-three boys (9 UVI, 14 LVI) attended during the Christmas holidays, a four-days' course of lectures organised by the Council for Education in World Citizenship; they were joined by two old boys, now at the University, who were keen to follow up their enjoyable participation of the previous year. The lectures and discussions, in which our delegates had a considerable share, dealt with the world-wide work, done and planned for doing, by the United Nations Organisation; the Sixth-Formers concerned appreciated greatly this interesting contact with other young people from near and far. Eighteen boys (4 UVI, 14 LVI) were present at the Sixth-Form S.C.M. Conference on Faith, Reason and Living, held at High Wycombe Royal Grammar School on 23rd March and were much impressed by the talks given there. One Lower Sixth boy went to Oxford on April 10th, to the Schoolboys' Conference held under the auspices of the Central Advisory Council of Training for the Ministry. During the Easter holidays six boys (1 UVI, 5 LVI) attended the series of three Leonardo da Vinci lectures, given by prominent scientists on "Energy in the service of man" at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. They all thought these introductory lectures most interesting and worthwhile.



A view of the School showing the new extensions.

Drawing by M. THURGOOD.

It is hoped that next year there will be an increase in attendance even on the above figures, for such a wide range of opportunities for the study of important subjects outside the school curriculum deserves the earnest consideration of those boys who will be members of the Sixth Form.

Aix-en-Provence, July-August 1955

Under the leadership of three masters—Messrs. Collin, Purvis and Mills—twenty-four boys set out at the end of July for a three-weeks holiday in the south of France. After a long and tiring journey, stopping at Paris for a meal, we reached Aix-en-Provence.

On exploring this spa town of Roman origin, the first impression was of an unexpected abundance of water. There were fountains at every turn. In the short main street, the Cours Mirabeau, fountains, cobbles, and Aixois were shaded by a double line of plane trees, a noticeable feature of the main roads in the area. The maze of narrow streets and alleys converging on the Cours Mirabeau, and others leading into the main squares of the town, displayed ancient and interesting buildings. These we were fortunate enough to be able to visit after a chance meeting with a former French assistant at the School, Jaques Lautaud. His father, a leading personality in local civic and cultural affairs, acted as our most helpful guide on many a visit. Names such as the Mairie, Bibliothèque Méjanes, Cathédrale et Cloître St-Sauveur, Atelier Cézanne, Palais de Justice, and Pavillon Vendôme, will, I am sure, bring back most pleasant memories to the party, and to the parents who heard nothing else for some time afterwards.

These town visits were alternated with coach-trips to places of interest in the surrounding countryside. St-Rémy, with its Roman remains in almost perfect condition, Les Baux, an ancient stronghold in the hills, Tarascon and its castle by the Rhône, Arles, with its fantastic Roman amphitheatre, and Alphonse Daudet's Mill, provided an excellent first excursion. Already the words "remarkable" and "unique" had lost their meaning, and degenerated into the force of "nice"! More unique relics were in store for our second trip, which took us through Nîmes, where we saw the Roman arena which is still in use as a bull-ring, via the Pont du Gard, a remarkable Roman aqueduct, and on to Avignon where we visited the Palais des Papes and the far-famed "Pont d'Avignon", the Pont St-Bénézet. After visits to the 6,000-ft. Mont Ventoux, and to more unique remains at Vaison-la-Romaine and Orange, we were driven to the Gorges du Verdon. As the road reeled around the mountain-side, and stomachs turned as the coach tottered on the brink of a 2,000-ft. drop, this fantastic phenomenon unravelled itself before us.

However, I must not dwell on this one aspect of our holiday. Further visits included a bull-farm on the Camargue, the Mediterranean at Stes-Maries, and, on the Riviera, at St. Raphaël, Cannes, and Cassis. At Marseille, we were forbidden entry into the Basilique de Notre Dame de la Garde on account of our shorts, but from the hill on which it stood, an excellent view of the city and ports, old and new, was obtained. The visits were most pleasantly rounded off by a day in Paris and a trip to Versailles. With comparatively uneventful journeys, we all reached home safely on the evening of August 10th.

It is unfortunately impossible to enter into details about each visit in the space allowed, but one thing is unquestionable: everyone thoroughly enjoyed himself. On behalf of the whole party, I would like to express my most sincere thanks to all those who helped to make the holiday such a success. To the masters I have mentioned, to Mrs. Collin for her maternal help, to Anne Collin for her amusing diversions, to M. Lautaud père, and Jacques, and to all the many others whose names we do not know, we would like to extend a hand of gratitude and appreciation.

J. R. LITTLE, U.VI.



KEY TO PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Arms of Aix-en-Provence.
2. Chateau d'if, Marseille.
3. St. Raphaël.
4. Palais des Papes, Avignon.
5. Pont du Gard.
6. Gorges du Verdon.
7. Les Baux.

Compiled by B. J. LONG, LVI.

Wir Fürhen Nach Deutschland

ON THE third day of August, 1955, a coach, closely resembling a porcupine with cheering Slough Grammar School boys hanging half-way out of the windows, tore into Sussex Place and headed towards London. That was the last view many parents had of their sons or daughters for four weeks. Our journey to Germany had begun.

At Liverpool Street Station we clambered aboard the Harwich-bound express and eleven o'clock saw us steaming into Harwich docks. Here we had to pass through the Customs Offices where the Customs men, anxious to be rid of us, chalked all over our cases and directed us to the berth of the ship which would take us over the North Sea to the Hook of Holland.

We couldn't see any sailors on board. The sight of about twenty Grammar and High School children charging up the gangplank must have frightened the life out of them. But as the ship set sail for Holland one or two ventured on deck. We spent the night in our cabins trying to decipher what the custom's men had chalked on our cases.

Most of us were on deck by five o'clock next morning and at seven we were passing through the Dutch customs where the customs officers wore uniforms similar to our M.P.'s. We were soon racing across the flat Dutch countryside at speeds reaching one hundred miles per hour in the (electric) Scandinavian Express. About midday we crossed the German-Dutch border where locomotives were changed. Osnabrück, Bremen, and Hamburg sped by and, as dusk was beginning to fall we drew up at Timmendorferstrand. Here we were met by our pen-friends and taken home to meet the family.

I myself was so nervous that after saying "Guten Tag" to my friend's parents and grandmother, I nearly said "Guten Tag" to a stuffed, baby alligator which lay glaring at me from a glass-fronted sideboard. Nevertheless, as the evening progressed we began to settle down and by bed-time most of us felt at ease.

Bed-time, those everyday words which everyone takes for granted, but my, were we in for a shock! There were no bed-clothes as in England, only a thick white eiderdown affair, which one laid on top of oneself. Surprisingly, this kept us warm and very comfortable. The next morning we awoke and after saying our "Guten Morgen's" to our respective hosts, we sat down to breakfast. It was here that we first experienced German food and we were certainly in for a shock!

Breakfast invariably consisted of coffee, and black, "grey", or currant bread. The coffee was always fresh as it was home-ground and one could certainly work up a hearty appetite by grinding it before breakfast. The black bread was certainly black and little specks of grain could easily be seen in it, and these always lodged in my teeth. Their "grey" bread was almost equivalent to our white bread in colour but even the latest baked loaf always felt hard. With breakfast finished our friends showed us around the town.

Timmendorferstrand is a small holiday resort which snuggles up to the Baltic sea in the Lübeck Bay. Here, the green Baltic seas ripple onto the wide band of the cream-coloured, sandy beach, and the small jetty reaches out into the water with large and small sailing boats moored to the end. A few yards inland from the beach are small market-type shops which sell anything from post-cards to space-guns or swimming costumes to lollipops. Farther inland still is the main street lined with pretty shops and quaint boarding houses, and along this, on the right-hand side, run the local buses. Not single ones, as in England but two, one behind the other, joined together.

Clothes, we found, were much the same as in England, except for one vastly different point. Shorts, leather or otherwise, were worn by men from the age of one to ninety-nine, and the teenage girls wore sweaters and drainpipes. Other differences were that no uniforms were worn by bus conductors and the German police wore revolvers strapped to their green uniforms. Naturally everyone behaved themselves.

The difference in the prices of various German goods was startling. Unfortunately, sweets were very dear, and Coca Cola cost tenpence! But one good thing, cameras were sometimes less than half of the English prices, although films still cost two and sixpence. Ice creams were much harder and of an entirely different taste from anything we'd previously experienced.

In no time at all we knew our way around the town and beach and we frequently went out on the sea in the kayaks. There was a warning system of high seas on the beach called "Vimples." They consisted of small, triangular red flags hoisted up a flag-staff on the beach. One meant caution, two meant dangerous, and three literally meant, "if you attempt to go into the sea you'll very likely stay there."

Visits were arranged for us by the German people. These consisted of a tour round the (wait for it) "Schleswig Holsteinische Schweiz," and another to Hamburg.

At Hamburg we went through the Elbe tunnel which runs right under the Elbe River from one bank to the other, and also to the great Hagenbeck Zoo. Here we had to pay an extra fifty pfennig (about tenpence), to take our cameras inside. It very much resembled Whipsnade in the way it was set out. We also made a tour round Hamburg docks in a small tug. We returned to Timmendorferstrand by coach, one of the most modern Mercedes Benz in Germany.

School started after our having been over there two weeks. But this was certainly no hardship. It began at eight-thirty and finished at one-thirty and they had no mid-morning break as we do but had a free five minutes between each lesson. We enjoyed it when the German teachers tried out their rusty and ancient English upon us.

So our four weeks inevitably drew to a close and soon it was time for our return trip. Everyone assembled on the station platform. Hurried "Good-byes" and shouts of "See you next year" were exchanged and then the train started. Slowly at first, but gathering speed all the time, it drew out of the station. Gradually the figures on the platform grew smaller and smaller until they finally disappeared as we rounded a bend. The figures may have finally disappeared, but the memory of our experiences can never disappear.

T. KNIGHT, IVB.

Juniper Hall—Sept. 30th-Oct. 3rd, 1955

JUNIPER HALL is an old country house, some four miles north of Dorking and half a mile to the west of the village of Mickleham. It lies in a small valley with the slopes of Box Hill to the south and those of some lesser hummock to the north. It has recently been taken over by the Council for the Promotion of Field Studies for use as a centre for field work in biology and geography and is furnished with modern well-equipped laboratories as well as providing suitable accommodation for students.

At about 10.0 a.m. on Friday, September 30th, a party of biologists from the Sixth Form led by Mr. & Mrs. Colombo and Mr. Binstead arrived there. At 11.30 a.m. this party set out for the dry valley draining off from Box Hill known as Juniper Bottom. Here they investigated the chemical and physical nature of the soil and collected specimens for subsequent analysis in the laboratory. They then climbed up the valley to the top where they carried out further tests on the soil and also collected further specimens. In addition to these, they collected various plants which they spent the evening in trying to identify.

Saturday, October 1st, was spent wandering about in and around a large pond south of Dorking where large numbers of specimens of freshwater flora and fauna were gathered together. Identification of these occupied both

Saturday evening and Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon the party dispersed themselves through some woodland close to Juniper Hall looking for fungi. We were fortunate here in that the British Mycological Society were using Juniper Hall as their base for a field meeting on this particular day and we were thus assisted in our identification by an expert on the subject.

On the final day we went out to a nearby sandy heath where we studied the vegetation, looking in particular at the transitional phase between the small sand outcrop and the chalk which is the underlying rock over most of that part of the country. Unfortunately it rained continually and we were all soaked by the time we returned to the Hall where, after drying ourselves, we set to work to clear out the laboratory which by this time was piled high with specimens. When the laboratory was finally returned to its original state the party returned home.

This course was of considerable benefit to all those who participated. The credit for this must largely be attributed to Messrs. Colombo and Binstead who, in addition to providing instruction, provided transport to and from the places of study. We should also like to acknowledge the assistance of the staff of Juniper Hall without whose help we should have been unable to carry out any of our programme.

The Lake District, 1956

"According to the Scriptural tales
The prophet Jonah climbed in Wales,
No doubt his watery technique makes
For better climbing in The Lakes."

—Traditional Mountaineering Song.

"IT HAD HELD out for two years now—what would it be like this year?" So cogitated the old hands who were going to the Lakes this Easter, on the now traditional Purvitour. "It", of course, was the weather—a most vital factor to be considered. In the course of the stay in Keswick the question resolved itself—we had one scorcher, one good, one wet, three misty and the rest indifferent. The party consisted of Mr. Purvis, Messrs. Mills and Surry, Comrades Bradshaw, Holness and D. Hossack, four members of the Upper Sixth, four Lower and the "gang" from the Fifths. For the first time, three potential Geographers from the Fourths attended. It is to be hoped that they will not be put off Geography by what they saw, or the circumstances in which they saw it. (Such as slogging to Harrison Stickle to see a valley perfectly visible from 2,000-ft. below!) It seemed a current delusion among the "gang" that in order to avoid unpleasant experiences, such as walking, washing-up and such, invocation at frequent intervals on the way up in the coach (driven by an old friend "Mac") of a certain ditty known, apparently, as "Davydavycrockett, Kingofthewild-front'ere", would ensure them complete protection. It was, however, to avail them little.

Our stalwarts, Frank and Braddie, with the notable inclusion of Dave Hossack, bore the main burden of the responsibility of leading parties across the Fells. For this service we are extremely grateful. There are those, who probably at this moment wince at the thought of a Holness-bash. They have only themselves to blame. If people took the trouble to break in their boots beforehand, and to realise that they are not going for ten days strolling from milk-bar to slot-machine, everybody, including themselves, would be much happier.

For some, the excitement, on Easter Monday, of climbing the Langdale Pikes, was a little too much, or it may have been poisoned fell-water. Anyway, two dormitories on Monday evening re-echoed to the sounds of regurgitation of the traditionally excellent evening meal with which we were provided. A well-known brand of stomach powder colloquially known as "gutwash" seemed to help and although breakfast next morning was not well-patronised, most of the sufferers were back on the fells by ten a.m.

Barrow-in-Furness was, as usual, visited, and as well as the wealth of knowledge gained there, more invocations were secured and these alternated with Beethoven on the piano during the evenings, and competed with table-tennis as a desirable recreation. Some youths were thought to be improving their minds by reading books, but these transpired to be of a saintly character. The local "hop" was well-attended, and the cinema suffered patronage once or twice—it's not often you get the chance to see films made before you were born! The modern refinement of Espresso coffee has reached Keswick, and some of the more sophisticated members of the company were wont to take it during the twilight hours.

Perhaps one of the highlights of the stay was our all-day visit to Edinburgh, and the Forth Bridge. This excursion into the fastnesses of the Celtic twilight was appreciated by all, for some their first visit to Scotland. In our short stay we were able to assimilate some of the sights of the historic city. The return through the wilderness of the Southern Uplands was punctuated by a stop during which three small lads attempted mass murder by projecting fish-and-chip papers through the coach windows. Mention should be made of the conquest of Red Pike one Sunday afternoon, after two of the party's more dignified members had taken Morning Coffee at the Bridge Hotel; and the remarkable act of taking, in the mist, four ladies to the top and getting them down safely. A discreet veil should be drawn over the activities of one leader in a boat on Coniston Water, who should have known better. By good fortune nobody present had a camera.

We thank: Mr. Purvis, for arranging, running and supervising the trip; Messrs. Mills and Surry, Holness and Bradshaw for undertaking the leading of the walks; Mr. and Mrs. MacCambridge for providing us a home from home at Keswick; "Mac", who drove us so far, so well, and so untiringly.

Any reports that a hairy monster has been seen in the Lake District should be disbelieved. He's shaved!

The Morris Men

Squire: S. Cutts; Bagman: A. R. Bowers; Musician: C. Hale.

THIS YEAR has been an interesting one for the Club. Last June we attended a meeting arranged by the Windsor Group of the English Folk Dance and Song Society, when we danced with the South Berkshire Morris Men through the streets of Windsor. On the 9th of July, the most important date in our calendar, the Club attended the Fiftieth meeting of the Morris Ring, in London. Morris Men from all over England participated, and small groups made different tours of London during the day, all clubs converging on Westminster in the evening, then dancing from the County Hall along the South Bank site to Waterloo Bridge. Afterwards, a most enjoyable feast was held at the Royal College of Surgeons. This impressive occasion was a very valuable experience, and the first time that our Club has been present at a Morris Ring meeting: we hope that we will be able to attend more of them in the future. Towards the end of the Spring term we invited the Whitchurch Morris Men to dance with us at the School Gymnastic Display and the two teams enjoyed a good evening's dancing which was much appreciated by the audience.

Throughout the year, the Club has maintained a good standard of dancing under the excellent leadership of Mr. Doncaster, and we have relied upon the appreciated services of our Musician, Cliff Hale, and our "Fool", Roger Bester.

During this summer, we hope to dance at more local functions and to make a tour of the villages in this part of the county. Our programme, however, is very often hampered by the small membership of the Club. May I, therefore, take this opportunity of appealing to all boys who would like to take part in this healthy recreation to come along to the Club meetings which are held weekly. Will those who are interested see either Mr. Doncaster or myself?

A. R. BOWERS, Lower VI.

Music Society

Chairman: B. H. Pulsford; *Secretary:* J. A. Hobbs; *Treasurer:* S. T. Painter; *Committee:* E. Robinson, C. D. Elliott, R. Bester.

THIS YEAR has been one of comparative dormancy, the Society being deprived of the use of the gramophone for much of the Spring Term. During this period an experiment of last year's was furthered. This was the presentation of "Live Concerts" in preference to "Record Concerts". Of those given, the most outstanding were piano recitals by C. Elliott, H. Phillips, K. Mansfield, and E. Robinson.

As in previous years, the most successful activities were the Musical Evenings and the Christmas Party held in conjunction with the Music Society of the High School. The Musical Evenings provided a varied programme, ranging from films, instrumentalists, gramophone records, to a debate. The last was a completely new venture, and was voted an immediate success. The Christmas Party was held at the High School with Miss Crawford's permission, and was thoroughly enjoyed by some two hundred members from two Societies.

This year our Musical Adviser, Mr. Harries, left the School, and we wish him success in his new post. Once again we must extend the thanks of the Society to our Vice-Presidents, without whose backing and support many of our functions would not have been possible.

The activities of the Music Society have covered a wide range, and it is hoped that in future our present standards will not only be maintained but, if possible, improved.

J.A.H.

Theatre and Film Society

Chairman: N. Hammans; *Secretary:* J. A. Coward; *Treasurer:* C. D. Elliott.

AS USUAL, at the beginning of the school year, new officials were elected. Committee members were appointed by the first, second, and third forms, and they are, respectively, B. Carter, P. Salmon, and R. Williams. Unfortunately the senior school has not actively supported the Society, and committee members have not, therefore, been appointed for the fourth and fifth forms.

This year's activities have been confined to two major ventures. On October 21st, the Society gave a film show, featuring "Far Horizons", a filmed account of the important part played by rubber in the last war. This was supported by two Walt Disney cartoon films for those in lighter mood. On the 13th of January, a party of thirty-four was taken by coach to see the Empress Hall production of "Dick Whittington on Ice". The show was very enjoyable, and we are indebted to Mr. Sonnex for his kind support in this venture.

We trust that our members will continue to give the Society the active support essential to its proper functioning.

J.A.C.

The Junior Aquarist Society

President: J. F. Hughes; *Secretary:* K. F. Ball; *Treasurer:* B. J. Billington.

THOUGH THE YEAR has not been marked by a surfeit of meetings, we have striven to hold meetings of quality. In the Christmas term three meetings were held. The first, held early in the term, was a lecture on aquarium-keeping given by R. Laing of the Upper Sixth, followed by film-strips shown by Mr. Colombo. This was followed some weeks later by a short film show, but it was our last meeting of the term which was our greatest success. It was an illustrated lecture given by Mr. George Cansdale, ex-Superintendent of the London Zoo, who described his experiences in Africa to an audience of about 300 people from our own and the High and Convent Schools. Plans are now

going forward for our annual display on the 28th April, which will incorporate the National Junior Aquarium Contest which the school society has been asked to stage as the largest of its kind in the country.

The Society is still one of the largest in the school and membership is still growing. It is to be hoped that the fortunes of the Society will continue on the same happy plane.

K.F.B.

Socratic Society

THIS NEW SOCIETY, after a successful first year, has continued to promote a varied range of controversial topics for informal debating amongst members of the Upper Sixth and Staff. At the meetings in the School Library after hours, attended by some twenty masters and Sixth-formers, the views expressed by the Speaker have always been heard with great interest. The questions and differences of opinion which invariably followed have combined to produce many lively debates. Here is a list of subjects and speakers at the Autumn and Spring term meetings:-

October 7th.—"Musicians, why do they do it?" by Mr. S. Binstead.

October 21st.—"The Menace to our Countryside", by Mr. H. L. Phillips.

December 1st.—"The Glories of our Modern Architecture", by Mr. B. A. A. Knight.

February 23rd.—"Does 'Tory Freedom' really work?" by Mr. B. H. Pulsford.

March 15th.—"The Place of Religion in the World To-day," by Messrs. J. F. Hughes and K. Melia.

The last meeting was a departure from the usual procedure, and proved very successful. The two speakers presented vastly different—and controversial—papers, provoking discussion which continued for some days.

D. W. GUEST (*Hon. Secretary*).

Bridge Club

WITH THE guiding influence of Mr. G. A. Dickinson, the Club has continued to try and promote better playing of bridge in the School's Sixth Form. To help this, a competition has been running since the beginning of the year in order to find the best consistent player. This turned out to be a much closer tussle than had at first been expected. Leading players at Easter were J. F. Hughes, F. W. Harpley, D. H. Noble and K. Melia, separated by only half a point.

During the Easter term, a team entered the "County Team of Four" tournament at the Community Centre. The team was A. Tulip (Capt.), R. G. Scott, F. W. Harpley and D. H. Noble. Although playing the best seniors players in the country, it was not last! In fact, it came tenth out of the thirteen teams competing.

A. T. (*Secretary*).

The Printing Society

UNAFFECTED BY the recent dispute in the printing industry, the School Printing Society has had its busiest year since its formation seven years ago. During the last year, a great amount of new type has been purchased, including several new varieties which our customers have found very satisfactory. Our three presses have been busy each week fulfilling more orders than ever before. We have received orders not only from other schools but also from clubs and societies in the vicinity. For the first time, we have printed a school fixture card for both the footballers and the cricketers. During the last six months alone, we have printed addresses on nearly four thousand sheets of notepaper, and over nine thousand tickets for dances, tournaments, plays, and other such activities.

It is very encouraging when we receive orders from clubs and societies in the district, but it is even more satisfying when they return for more. It is through their kind support that the Society has flourished and expanded so much during the last two or three years. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them all for their support and encouragement.

F. W. Harpley (*Secretary*.)

Scientific Society

Chairman: M. Spinks; *Secretary:* E. Robinson; *Treasurer:* B. Parsons.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY is now in its fifth year, and the membership has reached its highest level, there being nearly two hundred members drawn from the fourth forms upwards. Despite this, the attendance at meetings was lower than last year.

Several film shows were held for our members and for our counterparts at the High School. To those girls who supported those meetings, we should like now to give our thanks, and we are also indebted to the libraries which provided the documentaries, and other films of general interest. The Society had hoped to visit the B.B.C. sound or television studios, but this had to be cancelled. To offset this disappointment, therefore, a trip was arranged for twenty members to tour "Kodak's" factory at Wealdstone on Wednesday, July 11th.

During the Summer term, we had lectures given by members on such varied subjects as "Inter-planetary Space Height" and "Genetics", and we are very grateful to those boys who gave their time to the preparation and delivery of those instructive talks.

Finally, let us thank Mr. Colombo for the time and guidance he has so willingly given to the Society.

M.J.S.

Historical and Geographical Society

Chairman: N. Hammans; *Secretary:* H. Phillips; *Treasurer:* B. Billington.

THE SOCIETY has had a comparatively quiet year, but as in the past has endeavoured to create interest in geographical and historical matters for the benefit of the boys of the School. Several films have been shown, including "The Civil War" to which the High School was invited. Talks have been given, but were, unfortunately, poorly attended. At the end of the Spring Term, the Society was reorganised in order to ensure its continued success. S. Hyde was elected Chairman, J. Clark, Secretary, and A. Clements, Treasurer, together with a supporting committee for next year. A minimum of meetings and outings have been fixed and membership has been restricted to the third forms and above. I hope all members will continue to give the Society its well deserved support.

H.P.

Chess Club

I AM PLEASED to announce that the experiment of founding a Chess Club has been very successful. When the Club was started in the Summer Term of 1955 the membership was thirty. Though interest waned during that term the membership has now risen to nearly seventy boys, which is quite good when you consider that not everyone in the school is interested in the game of chess. At the end of the Spring Term we had our first inter-school match, and though we were not victorious it was shown that with more practice we will be able to hold our own, in forthcoming encounters with other schools.

I would like, on behalf of the members of the Club, to thank Mr. Madge for his help and guidance through the infancy of our Club.

R. PLEACE

The Art Club

President: Mr. Evans.

THE ART CLUB has had a very successful year of existence during which time many profitable "after-school" meetings have been held. These meetings were enjoyed by all members and this was mainly due to the willing hard work given by Mr. Evans who sacrificed some of his free time in doing so. All keen boys can become members regardless of their age or position in the school. They have facilities to study a good variety of subjects such as architecture, clay-modelling, lino-cutting, picture composition, scraper-board, and sketching. The meetings are now held regularly after school on Thursdays.

J. F. E. PASSLER.

House Notes

Gray House

Captain and Secretary: G. Parkes; *Vice-Captain:* J. G. Pywell; *Committee:* R. J. Laing, B. Long, D. C. Middleton.

BEFORE RECORDING the present situation of our House, let us pay tribute to absent officials who served us so well in the previous School year. They were D. C. Jones (Capt.), A. S. Painter (Vice-Capt.), B. J. Gamer (Secretary), and all the committee-men, F. B. Barnes, A. Rackstraw and P. Anderson, to all of whom we wish success in the future. We were sorry to lose two of our House Masters, Mr. J. Bell and Mr. J. H. Harries, at the end of the Autumn term.

The notable feature of the previous year's inter-House sports, in which the House was beaten by a very narrow margin, was the great number of points gained by a small nucleus of athletes. This was particularly noticeable in Class I, where J. R. Mansfield (25 points, and winner of the Headmaster's Cup), A. S. Painter (13 points, 3rd), and D. C. Jones (10 points, 9th) were outstanding. D. C. Jones created a new cricket-ball record with a throw of 101 yds. 2 ft. Also successful were R. Burrows, A. Hudson, and D. Middleton of Class II, and R. Stevens of Class III. Middleton did extremely well, creating two new records.

The House has held its own in inter-House football, and is a close second, with only Fifth and Sixth-Form results to come. Altogether, Gray was well represented in all fields of School activities, except, possibly, in senior football and cricket, but it is essential that we do not rest on the many laurels of our predecessors.

With our few weaknesses under fire, we can look forward to a future in which Gray will regain its former supreme position.

G. PARKES (*Hon. Secretary*).

Hampden House

LAST YEAR'S House Captain, E. Wallner, left us in the Summer. He is now at Nottingham University, and we wish him every success, hoping that he will serve his University as well as he did the School and House.

For the first time in many years, Hampden has grudgingly accepted the proverbial "wooden spoon" in the field of sport. For we have now lost the nucleus of excellent athletes from the senior school, but trust that the younger members will strive to regain the House's former dominance. Of outstanding merit, however, is B. Thorp, who represented his county in the All-England Sports at Manchester after breaking the County discus record by 8ft.

Turning from the sporting to the social life of the School, we see a somewhat happier picture. I. G. Simmons, as School Captain, has come up to the fullest expectations of the House. Our members are situated on the committees of numerous School Societies and Clubs, and did a great deal to ensure that the School Play was a success.

In conclusion, Hampden should strive to regain her sporting laurels, and also maintain the high standard achieved in the academic sphere. Work hard, play hard! *Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit.*

J. Rees (*Hon. Secretary*).

Herschel House

Captain: J. A. Hobbs; *Vice-Captain:* J. A. Coward; *Secretary:* F. W. Harpley; *Committee:* H. L. Philipps, B. Cleverley, D. W. Guest and J. Morgan.

THIS PAST YEAR has been one of the most successful the House has had for several years. We were remarkably well represented in all sports and have contributed greatly to the social and cultural activities of the School.

On October 25th we held the second Inter-House Social with the High School. This event was well attended and well enjoyed by senior members of Herschel House of both schools, and it is hoped that these socials will become a regular feature of House life.

Perhaps the most outstanding achievement of the year was the winning of the Old Paludians House Shield. In doing this we were Football champions, Cross-Country champions and Athletic champions, winning the Headmaster's Cup on Sports Day. With reference to the latter, the following are worthy of special mention: B. Cleverley, A. Henry, R. Thomas, and A. Alderman, the middle two being individual champions of Class II and Class III respectively. Of the 247 points gained on Sports Day these four boys contributed over 100 between them.

So well represented were we in School teams, that it is impossible to mention those so honoured, it being only possible to congratulate them.

Of the School Officials, the House Captain, J. A. Hobbs, was honoured in being School Vice-Captain, Football Vice-Captain, and Athletics Captain, whilst P. R. Jones was on the School Football Committee.

In out of School events we have had very good representation. E. Bownass, I. Stewart, A. Henry, C. O'Donoghue and R. Thomas are to be congratulated on being selected to play for the Slough and District Schools' Football teams. B. Cleverley, J. A. Hobbs, J. Little, P. R. Jones and R. Bester were honoured by being selected to represent Slough in the 1955 County Sports at Aylesbury. All were placed in their respective events and J. A. Hobbs and B. Cleverley were further honoured by being chosen to represent Bucks in the All-England Sports at Manchester. To all those who gained representative honours we congratulate them on the honour they brought to themselves, the School and to their House.

With no final results of this year's Football, Cross-country and Athletic Championships we can only say that the standard reached has been equal to that of the past year.

But despite these excellent results we must not rest on our laurels but strive for even greater success both in Sport and in our Academic Studies.

F. W. Harpley (*Secretary*).

Milton House

Captain: B. Pulsford; *Vice-Captain:* S. Painter; *Secretary:* J. Hughes.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new members to the House and wish them an easy and happy passage through the School.

During the last year Milton has done very well in the realms of study, two members of the House taking Open Entrance Scholarships (one to London, J. Hughes, the other, A. Tulip, to both Oxford and Cambridge Universities). This year the staff have also turned to Milton House for the majority of the senior prefects of the School.

In the world of sport we have done exceptionally well in the senior school, providing the captains of the following teams: - Rugby XV, S. Painter; Soccer XI, B. Pulsford; Hockey XI, M. Deuchar; Badminton team, M. Spinks; Cross-country team, B. Richardson; and A. Tulip was Captain of both the Bridge and the Senior Chess teams. This talent was not mirrored in the efforts of groups lower down in the School, however, Milton being unable to win any soccer matches, played in a recent inter-House tournament, in either the first or second year groups. We are ashamed to have to admit that Milton could only come third in last year's Sports Day and that was mainly due to the efforts of one or two senior members.

There is obviously still much room for improvement but we, the House committee, would like to offer our congratulations to all those who have done well, be their work recognised in these columns or not, and hope that all will do their utmost to make Milton the predominant house in our School in the very near future.

J.H.

Games and Athletics

Cricket, 1955

FIRST XI

Captain: D. C. Jones; *Vice-Captain:* L. J. Goldfine; *Committee:* D. C. Jones, L. J. Goldfine, J. Jordan, A. Rackstraw.

IT WAS apparent from the beginning of the season that the strength of the School team lay in the bowling. We had three good fast openers in D. C. Jones, Jordan and Painter. It was unfortunate that, owing to indisposition, D. C. Jones was unable to bowl later on in the season. As well as these we had two left arm bowlers in Goldfine and Buckland to provide more anxiety for the opposition.

The batting was rather weaker than in previous seasons though good constant performances were supplied by Rackstraw, Wynne-Jones and Jordan. Best individual scores were by Rackstraw, 37, against Ashford, and Wynne-Jones, 30 not out, against Wycombe Grammar. Our three batsmen were ably supported by Thompson, also our wicket-keeper, Hines, Parsons and Morgan.

We finished the season having played 14 games. We won 6, lost 4 and drew 4. These results include the usual defeat at the hands of the Old Pals and the usual victory over our Staff. The Staff match provided the usual quota of humorous incidents; resistance was provided by Mr. Mills, Mr. Sonnex and Mr. Street. Altogether a satisfying season.

SECOND XI

Captain: C. D. Elliott.

Last season the team was moderately successful. In the 9 matches played, 4 were won, 4 lost and 1 drawn. The team was often weakened and depleted due to demands from the First XI and to injury but the temporary members of the team always gave of their best. The regular members of the team, however, formed the backbone of our success. Of the bowlers, Jones, P. R., Hyde and Dearlove were the most successful. Pywell often bowled quite well, but needed experience. The most successful batsmen were Arthur, Elliott, Spooner and Dearlove. Painter was a reliable wicket-keeper. Others who played regularly were Rowe, Windle and Morgan.

Athletics, 1955

DISTRICT SPORTS

15-17 years: 100 Yards—3rd, J. Alder; 4th R. Colgate.

220 Yards—1st, M. Deuchar; 4th, R. Colgate.

440 Yards—2nd, M. Deuchar; 3rd, J. Pywell.

880 Yards—1st, J. Willis; 2nd, R. Bester.

Mile—4th, M. Flynn.

Relay Team—2nd, J. Alder, M. Deuchar, J. Willis and R. Colgate.

High Jump—3rd, J. Morgan; 4th, J. Little.

Long Jump—1st, J. Little; 3rd, B. Memmott.

Discus—1st B. Thorp, 141ft. 8½in. NEW RECORD; 2nd, J. A. Hobbs.

Javelin—1st, P. R. Jones; 5th, J. Pywell.

Shot—1st, B. Thorp, 40ft. 6½in., NEW RECORD; 3rd, J. A. Hobbs.

13-15 years: 440 Yards—3rd, R. Burrows.

High Jump—5th, M. Holliday.

Long Jump—2nd, A. Hudson.

Javelin—1st, D. Middleton, 141ft. 0½in., NEW RECORD; 2nd, J. Daly.

11-13 years: 100 Yards—2nd, A. Alderman.

150 Yards—1st, A. Alderman.

Relay Team: 1st, R. Thomas, A. Alderman, R. Stevens and K. Lane.

COUNTY SPORTS

SENIORS

880 Yards—1st, J. Mansfield.

Mile—1st, A. G. Stroud.

Long Jump—2nd, A. Painter.

High Jump—2nd, A. Painter.

Shot—2nd, B. Cleverley.

Discus—1st, B. Cleverley, NEW RECORD.

Javelin—2nd, D. C. Jones.

INTERMEDIATES

440 Yards—3rd, M. Deuchar.

880 Yards—1st, J. Willis; 4th, R. Bester.

Long Jump—5th, J. Little.

Shot—2nd, B. Thorp.

Discus—1st, B. Thorp; 2nd, J. A. Hobbs, NEW RECORD.

Javelin—2nd, P. R. Jones.

ALL-ENGLAND SPORTS

The following boys were picked to represent Bucks at Manchester, and we heartily congratulate them on their high standard of performance and on the great honour brought to themselves and the School:-

J. A. Hobbs, Intermediate Discus; placed 6th and awarded a standard medal.

B. Thorp, Intermediate Discus.

B. Cleverley, Senior Discus.

M. Deuchar, Intermediate 220 Yards.

BUCKS COUNTY A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to B. Thorp on being County Junior Shot Champion, winning the Championship with a putt of 42ft. 8½in.

ATHLETIC COLOURS.

Full Athletic Colours were awarded to the following boys for their achievements during the Athletic Season:-

J. A. Hobbs, B. Cleverley, B. Thorp, M. Deuchar, J. Mansfield, A. G. Stroud, and J. Willis.

D. Middleton, J. Little, P. R. Jones and R. Bester gained the first half of their Colours.

Football

FIRST ELEVEN.

Results: Won 8, Lost 8, Drawn 1.

Only three old hands (or feet) were left from last season, so a new team had to be moulded.

Our first encounter was with an all-star XI made up from the Staff, including a really "Continental" goalkeeper in Mr. Mills. We managed to win 2-0 and then went down to the excellent Egham XI, who thrashed us 11-1. Subsequently we set out, under our new coach Mr. Gibbs, to annihilate all future opponents. Whilst we did not quite achieve this aim, we had, by the end of the season, a very useful "team".

Among the highlights of the season were the match with the Staff, which we thoroughly enjoyed; the game with the Old Paludians, which ended in a victory for us, 4-2; and two very hard-fought games with Newlands Park

Training College. The first game with their 1st XI provided fast, open football and we just got home, 1-0. The second fixture was with their First Year XI, at the end of the season: splendid goalkeeping kept our winning margin down to one goal to nil.

It has been a reasonably successful season and, above all, we have enjoyed it: skill was not lacking and morale was high.

In goal, J. B. Rees showed at first a tendency to lose concentration, but he settled down to become a keeper in whom everyone had complete confidence. P. R. Jones tackled well, though his distribution was at times erratic. His partner, C. Toogood, was very dependable and cool. D. Windle was a consistent player—his positioning was excellent, his game thoughtful and varied. D. C. Middleton was a forceful, strong and tenacious centre-half, able to switch easily from defence to attack. J. Hobbs worked very hard on his left, trying always to place the ball well and often unleashing his formidable left foot to advantage.

S. Painter was his usual fast and boisterous self. K. Mansfield became a very useful centre-forward, using his head, in both senses. G. Parkes, a convert to football, proved a very clever inside-forward, working tirelessly. G. Lewis on the left wing showed at times a flash of genius, and his shooting was particularly good. B. Pulsford, converted performer from full-back to forward, was a good Captain. If not always "in the game", he directed the team well and was a stout defender in emergencies. D. Spooner and F. Gore did good work when called on to help solve wing problems. C. O'Donoghue was very promising indeed, when brought into the defence, and two excellent forwards made appearances: N. Ward and A. Southam, both shrewd ball players, lacking only in bulk.

SECOND ELEVEN.

With fewer changes than usual needed, the team had a chance to settle down and thus were able to develop a good spirit and play cohesive and constructive football.

J. Pywell, with his Rugby training, became a competent and resourceful goalkeeper. A. Buckland and K. Howard were a strong and dependable pair of backs. A solid, hard-tackling half-back line was formed by R. Laing, the Captain, J. Siney and F. Gore. J. Daly also figured prominently in defence. D. Spooner, A. Southam, N. Ward, M. Cousins, D. Harding, J. Butcher and H. Phillips provided a goal-hungry forward line, the skill of Southam and Ward in particular providing many chances for their eager colleagues.

UNDER 15 XI

This team has again had a very successful season, only failing to win on one occasion when the result was a draw. They played some excellent football, showing a very fine spirit. Most of the players seem destined to move up to the School First XI in future seasons.

J. Clarke, the Captain, showed by his example and standard of play just what a good skipper can do to help the other members of his team. He is to be greatly congratulated. J. Barker, in goal, with his keen sense of anticipation and good handling, played a major part in keeping the goals against down to such an extremely low number. I. Stewart and C. O'Donoghue, at back, always subdued the opposing wingers and played splendidly throughout the season, the latter filling a vacancy in the First XI with some distinction. J. Daly and E. Bowness, at half-back, playing with great gusto completed a most workmanlike defence.

R. Thomas and S. Williams played on the wings and could always be relied upon to get the ball into the middle with accuracy and speed. A. Henry,

J. Freer and C. May played at inside-forward and often reached a very high standard of individual and team play. M. Holliday was a high scoring centre-forward who distinguished himself with his dash and hard shooting.

D. Corderoy is to be congratulated on coming into the team when required. He would obviously have been a regular member of the side in any ordinary season.

J. Clarke, J. Barker, C. O'Donoghue, D. Williams, I. Stewart, E. Bowness, R. Thomas, C. May, M. Holliday and A. Henry all represented Slough and District Schools while D. Corderoy was a reserve. J. Clarke and J. Barker played in the County XI with credit both to themselves and the School.

The team were champions of the Slough and District Schools Senior League and won the Grenfell Trophy in the Challenge Match against the Maidenhead and District Champions.

Our Rebel Shield team once again proved successful, winning the final by one goal to nil against Slough Technical School.

Results: Played 17, Won 16, Drawn 1, Lost 0. Goals For, 102; Goals Against, 5.

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL 1955-1956.

Once again the Intermediates have had a highly successful season, culminating in a decisive 7-0 victory over William Penn in the final of the Lightfoot Cup. Thus they have the excellent goal average of 69 goals for, with 5 goals against and retain the League Championship without losing a point.

With the three boys who played last year forming a nucleus the team soon took shape and played throughout with few changes. R. Stevens proved a capable and resourceful Captain, always encouraging his team to further efforts and setting a good example to them himself by his very high standard of play. R. Dearlove maintained and even improved on the high standard he had attained in the previous season. K. Butler, in goal, although having little to do, improved steadily throughout the season. The right back position was filled by both K. Wallis and P. Reid, the latter coming into the side when the former had been injured midway through the season. P. and D. Robinson, "the twins", played a large part in throwing back the fury of the opposing forward lines but confused and bewildered opposition and colleagues alike by their identical appearance. I. Hodgson, at left half, was cool and calm in all emergencies and used the ball well especially towards the end of the season. T. Flower, although not altogether suitable as a centre-forward, soon proved his worth when moved to the right wing. M. Elquezabal and E. Foster, both first year boys, played with all the assurance and skill of their older team mates. A. Gibson, a natural winger, was probably the most improved player in the side who did much to add "bite" to the attack.

Although rather young, a number of the players had trials for the Slough and District XI, and R. Stevens and A. Gibson were successful in representing the District Junior XI whilst the latter was also selected to play in the Senior District XI.

Congratulations go to all the triers, B. Malone, B. Antill, J. Eyre, J. Ivins and D. Airley, who did not have permanent places in the team but who willingly and capably filled any gaps that occurred.

This year we successfully tried the experiment of running a second XI in order to develop players for next year's team. All the boys playing in this side showed excellent promise, none more than R. Curry, who proved himself an excellent full back.

With prospects very bright for next year we look forward eagerly to next season.

J. A. HOBBS.

SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT.

The season closed with the traditional Six-a-side competition. The usual robust and interesting fare was provided and the eventual winners were difficult to forecast. The Masters' Six were eliminated in Round 2, and the winners in the Final were R. Laing's Six, who defeated G. Lewis' Six.

The winning team: R. Laing, W. Dacke, J. Morgan, B. Thorpe, A. Colcomb, T. McLain.

In the Junior contest the R. C. Thomas VI beat R. Dearlove's VI in the Final.

Winning team: R. C. Thomas, J. Froggatt, D. Oakes, R. Murphy, J. Freeman, R. Curry.

Heartiest congratulations to all participants on providing such bright and spirited football.

The Hockey Team

RESULTS: v. R.A.E.C., Beaconsfield, lost 4-2; v. Newlands Park, won 5-3; v. Wycombe Technical School, won 5-1; v. Stroude School, Egham, lost 8-0; v. Windsor Grammar School, lost 7-0; v. Ranelagh School, Bracknell, won 2-0; v. Old Paludians, lost 3-2; v. Maidenhead C.B.S., lost 2-0; v. Newlands Park, won 2-0; v. Wycombe Technical School, won 10-0; v. R.A.F., Medmenham, won 2-1.

Team: M. Deuchar (Captain), S. Hyde, J. Hughes, G. Hanson, M. Cousins, J. Morgan, J. Wynne-Jones, F. Harpley, D. Noble, K. Melia, D. Arthur, I. Simmons, A. Rowe, R. Cooper, A. Tulip.

The past season has been a satisfactory one despite the fact that five games had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. We played eleven matches, won six, and lost five. We scored 30 goals and conceded 28.

The highlight of the season was the game against the Old Paludians. This hard-fought game resulted in a defeat for the School by the narrow margin of three goals to two. The rivalry between us and the Old Pals is strictly maintained and this is always the most keenly-played game of the season. We are out to show that youth is superior, while they realize they have to win to keep any semblance of dignity before the youngsters.

As a whole the team played well but greater co-ordination between individual players and some good shooting from our forwards would make us a force to be reckoned with.

J. Hughes, M. Cousins, G. Hanson, M. Deuchar, S. Hyde and D. Noble were all selected to represent the County by playing in the Bucks Schoolboys Hockey Eleven.

Our thanks are due to W. Bradshaw of the Old Pals Hockey Club who acted as umpire for most of the season. We are also grateful to those members of the Old Pals who made coaching available to us during the summer months and gave several of our members regular places in their Saturday teams.

K. MELIA (Secretary).

The Rugby Club

The rugby team has had a fairly successful second season, but not, however, equalling the record for its first. The team played only three matches, mainly due to lack of available days for fixtures. On all three occasions we met Slough Technical School, losing narrowly twice after being in the lead at half-time, but clinching the last fixture with a fine, hard-fought 12-6 win.

Six members of the above team gave a demonstration in the display of gymnastics, games and athletics held last term.

B. RICHARDSON.

Cross-Country

Seniors.

THERE IS no doubt that this is becoming an increasingly popular sport among schools today. It is all the more disappointing, therefore, that our sun is temporarily eclipsed and that we have not been in a position to take up the many fixtures available. For this has been a disheartening season for the Senior runners. In none of the four fixtures did they come near to winning and two were disastrous defeats.

It is easy to find excuses: our course this year has been considerably reduced in scope owing to extensive alterations on the land by the Borough Council; it is also very flat and therefore a poor training ground for some of the hilly courses to be met with. But the main trouble has been a lack of cohesion amongst our runners. We have neither run nor trained as a team. This may not be of great significance when there is a core of outstanding runners available, but in normal years it is of the utmost importance in building up a team's morale and providing that extra fillip of determination to a tiring body.

There have, nevertheless, been some stout-hearted runs by individuals, and as over half the team are comparatively young and staying on at school, we look forward to next season with more confidence. The best performances have been by R. Bester, one of the most experienced distance runners in the School, A. Henry, a powerful runner of great promise who is still only in the 4th Form, and J. Passler who must be congratulated on being the winner of this year's Senior Inter-House run.

The following have run for the School: B. Richardson (Captain), R. Bester (Secretary), W. Dacke, J. Passler, H. Phillips, K. Ball, R. Burrows, A. Henry, C. Williams, N. Gillard, R. Burke and P. Thomas.

Middle School and Juniors.

The main yardstick for the achievement of the Middle School and Junior boys lies in the result of the annual race at Eton against local schools. This year we did well to come second to Haymill in both the under 15 and under 13 races. But perhaps the most encouraging feature of this season is that there now exists an enthusiastic core of boys who have trained together week by week and have had experience in racing. This will be invaluable when in two or three years we come to pick our Senior team. The numbers, however, are still small for a school of this size, and let us hope that next year more will consider turning out for a weekly run, whose object is not primarily to race but to enjoy the exercise and fresh air.

The following represented the School at Eton in the under 15 race:- R. Burke, E. Clements, J. Smith, C. Evans, W. Thomas, C. Summerhayes, B. Bennett. Burke was placed 6th and Clements 7th out of about 70 runners.

Under 13 teams: (A) R. Stevens, P. Robinson, D. Robinson, M. Head, M. Taylor, M. Elquezabal. (B) K. Lane, B. Hill, R. Hill, R. Gedge, G. Thomas and G. J. Thomas.

P. Robinson was placed 4th, Elquezabal 8th and D. Robinson 10th out of about 150 runners.

Gymnastics

AS USUAL THE annual School Gymnastic display provided parents and friends with an entertaining afternoon last summer. On an unusually hot day, the show came to an end with an exhibition of advanced gymnastics by members of Mr. Luck's special Gym class. A. Painter again won the David Luck Cup with B. Thorp second and B. Cleverley third. This was the climax of Mr. Luck's last year at School. I know he will be remembered with gratitude and affection by everyone.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, the School welcomed Mr. R. J. Gibbs as Sports Master. Like Mr. Luck, he has devoted a great deal of his own time and energy to coaching us. A Junior Gym Club of first- and second-year boys has been formed, and its members show great promise.

To raise money for the Sport's fund, Mr. Gibbs decided this year to produce an indoor display of gymnastics, games and athletics in the Spring Term. The display was held in the School Hall, and proved a great success. Before a tightly packed audience, boys from the First Form started the evening with a comprehensive programme of formation running, exercises, races, contests and pyramids. They were followed by the Morris dancers who, under Mr. Doncaster's direction, gave a really expert and enjoyable performance. The Junior Gym Club concluded the first half of the evening's entertainment by showing how agility-work on the mattress was taught to beginners. They were surprisingly proficient considering that they had had less than two terms to practise.

After the interval, the audience watched an exciting badminton match between two sixth-formers, M. Spinks and J. A. Wynne-Jones. There followed interesting demonstrations of how basketball, hockey, cricket, football, athletics and wrestling are taught in the School. After the Morris dancers had given the second half of their programme, the Senior Gym Club ended the display with a daring exhibition on the box, buck and mattress. Special mention must be made of R. Stevens who, though only in the Second Form, appeared with both the Junior and Senior Gym Clubs, and also demonstrated skills in football, hurdling and high-jump.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Headmaster to Mr. Gibbs for organising the evening. Then Mr. Franks, the Bucks P.E. organiser, who with Mr. Luck had been judging the Senior gymnasts, announced that by a narrow margin A. Henry had won the David Luck Cup. For the third consecutive year, B. Thorp came second, with R. Keenan third. Mr. Luck presented his Cup and Certificates, and thereby brought the evening to a close.

B. THORP.

Badminton Club

Captain: M. J. Spinks; *Secretary:* J. Morgan; *Treasurer:* H. L. Phillips.

The Badminton Club has, in its fourth year, flourished and continued to grow. It now consists of twelve members of the Sixth Form, no members of the Fifth Forms being admitted, as in previous years, due to the keenness of the Sixth Form in taking up this sport.

In spite of the number of members entirely new to the game, a team was selected which enjoyed considerable success against old and new opponents. The team consisted of M. Spinks and M. Deuchar as the first pair, the second and third pairs being selected from H. Phillips, J. Morgan, D. Arthur, A. Wynne-Jones, B. Richardson, G. Parkes and K. Melia.

We hope that future seasons will be as successful and enjoyable as this one.

M.J.S.

A School Anthology

Visual Education for the Masses

"EDWARD and Henry, the Princes in the Tower, were murdered in 1483 by James Tyrrel, on the orders of Richard III——"

A murmur of dissent was heard at the back of the room, and for the seventh time that morning a grubby hand shot up.

"Excuse me sir, that's not quite right, sir."

"I beg your pardon?" said the history master coldly.

"That is the line of argument put forward by writers of a new dynasty, based on fear, sir, at the instigation of Henry VI, sir."

The history master's mouth fell open. "Where did you hear this, Towels?" he asked suspiciously.

"I heard it on the telly last night, sir. Before the boxing, sir."

Screaming, the history master rushed from the room, tearing at the fast-diminishing roots of his hair.

This was not really surprising. Seven times that morning Towels' thin voice had piped out the faithful formula. He had Seen It On The Telly. He was always seeing things on the telly. And he was not the only one.

The situation was getting serious. Over half the form had joined the ranks of the teleaniacs; they walked around in a daze, under the spell of the cathode ray. They sat in the form-room at break oblivious of the howling mob outside, gazing glassily at a spot ten feet away and four feet up. They ate their meals with difficulty, being all afflicted with the knob-turner's twitch; their forks jerked involuntarily in their hands, and as they surveyed the dubious mixture on their plates they muttered darkly about Philip Harben and mushroom soufflés.

Biology lessons were haunted by the shade of George Cansdale. The Latin master lived in terror of the omniscient Sir Mortimer Wheeler, and strange things had happened to the cricket eleven. Not for them the correct forward play instilled into them by the games master; had they not seen the glorious leg-sweep of Compton brought to them in intimate detail by the telescopic lens? Little wonder, then, that the leg stump vanished from sight with monotonous regularity whenever the school side was batting, and that the games master had retired to grow marigolds.

An insidious change had also come over the school choir. Gradually they were transformed from normal, comparatively sweet-voiced cherubs to slinky, long-haired vocalists with a passion for "pops". They whispered huskily, clutching an imaginary mike; they shrieked ecstatically, flinging their arms to the heavens. Strange rhythms crept into the time-honoured melodies; the music master, at the piano, tried vainly to drown the increasing volume of clicking fingers and tapping feet. But he failed. The choir was given a contract by the well-known Chinese band-leader Lo Joss, and the music master joined the growing ranks of ex-teachers at the games master's now flourishing marigold farm.

But this was a long time ago. Since then things have gone from bad to worse; the disease spread until all the form but myself had developed the stare, the twitch, and all the other characteristics of the telefan. I was shunned by everyone; I became an outcast, a pariah, a man apart. I told myself I was strong-willed, an individualist, and for months I lived a life of righteous self-denial.

But it was no good. Lonely and defeated, I succumbed to the inevitable fate. I have joined the ever-increasing ranks of the Towels. I have betrayed my noble principles.

I've bought a telly.

R. COOPER, LVI.

Why Rub Brasses?

AS A BRASS rubber, hardly a day goes by without someone asking why I took up that unusual hobby. So here is an attempt to answer all such questions in one fell swoop.

But firstly, what is a brass? This question is best answered by giving its derivation. An extremely popular form of monument about a thousand years ago was the incised slab, consisting of a flat slab of stone with a line engraving of the person commemorated. But stone being very susceptible to wear, many of these monuments were soon completely effaced. The obvious answer to this was to substitute a stronger material than stone, and the hardest alloy then known was "latten" or what we now call brass, a mixture of roughly 65% copper, 30% zinc, and small amounts of lead and tin. Many continental brasses consist of rectangular plates of this brass, engraved with a figure and inscription, with the rest of the brass plate being filled in with canopies, smaller figures such as Saints, and a diapered ground work. In Britain the procedure was somewhat different, the component parts being cut from the main plate, and themselves let into the stone coffin lid, or floor stone.

Such a monument obviously lends itself admirably to copying. A duster, a roll of "shelving paper" and a stick of black cobblers' "heelball", are the only requirements. Having cleaned dust from the brass, the paper is fastened over the brass with "Selotape", and the paper covering the brass surface is rubbed over evenly, with the wax, a perfect and exceptionally clear facsimile being produced.

The information to be gained from one such rubbing is immense, as can be seen from the following example of Sir Reginald de Molyns, from Stoke Poges. The main components are the figures of the Knight, accurately portrayed to the last detail, in the armour of the period, and his Lady; both figures are just over thirty inches high. Above each head is a shield of arms, of great interest to the student of heraldry, and at their feet a Norman-French inscription from which we learn their names, and that Sir Reginald died in 1425, at the seige of Orleans.

Thus, by careful examination of this one rubbing, we can obtain accurate details of the armour worn for the latter part of the Hundred Years' War, the female dress of the period, the state of development of heraldry and the language then used in Court.

The great value of such rubbings is now, I hope, obvious. And in Slough we are in a very favourable position, well within reach of many famous brasses. The first remaining English brass, that of Sir John Daubernoun, who died in 1277 at Stoke d'Abernon, Surrey, is well within a day's journey.

Also close at hand is the first brass of a merchant, Nicholas Aumberdene, 1530, at Taplow, the brasses of rich merchants at London, of wool merchants in the Chilterns, and the ecclesiastical brasses at St. Albans.

Here I have mentioned only the pleasures most closely connected with brasses, as it is impossible to describe the pleasure to be derived from travelling to the more "out of the way" places, and marvelling at the craftsmanship and beauty of every one of these 8,000 Medieval works of art.

K. S. H. HALSTEAD, IVB.

FOOTBALL FIRST ELEVEN



Back Row, l. to r.—C. O'Donoghue, C. Toogood, J. Rees, J. Hobbs, P. R. Jones. Middle Row.—D. Spooner, S. Painter, B. Pulsford, G. Parkes, D. Windle. Front Row.—D. Middleton, K. Mansfield, A. Lewis.

FIRST HOCKEY ELEVEN



Back Row, l. to r.—M. R. Cousins, D. Noble, A. Rowe, J. Hughes, J. Morgan, J. A. Wynne-Jones, J. Hanson. Front Row.—K. Melia, F. Harpley, M. Deuchar, D. G. Arthur, I. Simmons.

UNDER FIFTEEN ELEVEN



Back Row, l. to r.—M. Holliday, J. Daly, J. Barker, I. Stewart, C. O'Donoghue. Middle Row—R. Thomas, A. Henry, J. Clark, D. T. Williams, C. May. Front Row—J. Bownass, J. Freer.

INTERMEDIATE ELEVEN



Back Row, l. to r.—P. Reade, K. Wallis, K. Butler, I. Hodgson, M. Elquezabal, J. Hobbs (Trainer). Middle Row—T. Flower, E. Foster, R. Stevens, R. Dearlove, A. Gibson. Front Row.—D. Robinson, P. Robinson.

Winners of the Lightfoot Cup.

Blanket Bound

I lie in bed with my eye-lids shut
And the blanket about my ears,
The clouds are grey with travelling,
The windows wet with tears.

There is a roaring in the air
That might be wind or rain,
Or the sea come inland eighty miles
To lap against the pane.

A roaring gale, a snoring wave
Sound much the same in bed
But if the sea were at my door,
I would not raise my head.

For a sound will lose significance
And a storm may blow for years
If you happen to have your eye-lids shut,
And the blanket about your ears.

C. S. DAVENPORT, IVA.

The Condor

(Translation of Leconte de Lisle's "Le Sommeil du Condor", Poèmes Barbares).

Beyond the Cordilleras, steep in their ascent,
Beyond the misty haunts of eagles black,
Still higher than the mountain-tops by Nature rent
Where boils the fiery flood of lava free,
This massive bird, with sullen silence and dull sloth,
His red-patched wings dejected at his side,
Faces America and space, and cons them both:
The sombre sun sinks in his glassy eyes.
Night surges forward from the untamed eastern plain
Which stretches endless from the terraced heights.
Chile, her towns, her long shores, is not lulled in vain;
Night shrouds them all: the great Pacific sleeps.
She makes herself the mistress of the silent land,
And spreads the outbursts of her own high-tide
In ever wilder billowy whirls along the strand,
Up hills, through chasms, and from peak to peak.
Alone and ghost-like on the mountain's lordly brow,
Bathed in the gleam which sparkles on the ice,
The bird awaits the dismal sea which cloaks him now,
And he is soon enveloped in its foam.
The Southern Cross lights up the sky with stellar bloom
In never-ending space's vast abyss.
The condor wallows in his pleasure, shakes his plume,
Rears up his sinewy and naked neck;
Lashing the raw Andean snows, he flies afar:
With one harsh cry he soars on his great wings
Far from the darkling earth, far from the glistening star,
Beyond the winds. He sleeps in icy air.

J. R. LITTLE, U.VI.

English Canals for Pleasure and Trade

THE EARLIEST English canals were built by the Romans. These, of course, had no locks, but, as they were all in the flat eastern part of England, no locks were required. The Roman canal system stretched from the river Cam to the river Trent. They were used to transport corn from East Anglia to the Northern Armies. One canal is still in use today, although it is in bad condition. This is the Fossdyke in Lincolnshire.

After the Romans left, no more artificial waterways were built, and their system fell into disuse. However, rivers remained the main method of communication in many parts. In the middle ages the Fossdyke was dredged several times.

In the 17th century, English trade and manufacture began to increase. The roads now were seen to be obviously inadequate and various industrialists and far-sighted men saw that other methods were needed to transport the new manufactures. They turned to waterways. In the 16th century locks were discovered by the Italians—possibly by Leonardo da Vinci. This discovery made it possible for canals to climb hills. The Duke of Bridgewater was the first to make extensive use of this idea. His engineer, Brindley, built a canal to transport coal from the inside of his coal-mine to Manchester. The advantages of the new method were seen at once and soon other canals were built, until a network of waterways had spread over the whole of England. One could travel from Portsmouth to Hull and from Bristol to Liverpool by waterway.

Then came railways. These, disliking competition, bought up many of the canal companies. They then began to discourage traffic by raising the tolls. They neglected the canals by leaving weeds uncut and the cut undredged. Equipment, such as cranes and other machinery, remained antiquated even on independent canals. On the Railway-owned canals traffic was discouraged until excuse was made that they could not pay and therefore they were abandoned. This excuse is being used, even in this enlightened time, by the British Transport Commission with respect to the Kennet and Avon canal—at one time an important waterway and which might be still, were it not for the systematic discouragement of traffic both by the Great Western Railway and by the British Transport Commission. Thus the advent of the railways brought a complete depression on the canals which remains until today so that the total mileage of waterways has declined from about 3,800 miles in 1900 to about 1,900 miles today.

Waterways today have many uses. One of these, which has been neglected by the various owners, is pleasure cruising, including excursion boats. Little or nothing is being done to publicize canals for cruising. In spite of this more and more people are discovering the beauty of the country through which many canals pass. The canal buildings, locks and bridges are of architectural interest, having an atmosphere of an age which has passed. The use of canals for cruising could be encouraged by building "Marinas" or places where boats could be moored and where food, water and fuel could be obtained. Publicity should be spread abroad to attract tourists: "See Britain by Canal."

Because some waterways are used for drainage purposes they cannot be closed without harmful consequences. As an example, the result of the falling into disuse of the upper Avon (Shakespeare's) has been that floods have become more frequent than during the time the navigation existed. All the various uses of waterways should be combined in the control of a National Waterways Conservancy to replace the present control by many bodies, including the Transport Commission, the Ministry of Agriculture, and private companies.

There exists today an organization known as the Inland Waterways Association, pledged "to promote the restoration to good order of all British navigable rivers and canals; and their full use for both trade and pleasure boating." In the interest of all, this Society should be supported.

E. G. MATTHEWS, L.VI.

Dale, 1956

"By full tilt river and switchback sea
Where cormorants scud."

"Watch it, Moulder!" "O.K. Chief," "Shuddup else I'll kill yer!" With these exclamations of varying emotions, the Upper Sixth biologists entered the train preparatory to departing for their annual field course at Dale Fort, Pembrokeshire. (Those who wish to gain further geographical information should consult "The Dale Saga" by Iain Ruadh: *The Swan*, 1955). This year Daddy was not with us; after last year's excursion he had put discretion before valour and salary, and stayed at home. Instead they were presided over by Uncle and Auntie, both distinguished biologists. The journey to Dale was marred by only one incident. While he was trying to test the tensile strength of the luggage racks in a compartment, the glass window of the door unfortunately placed itself in close proximity with Moulder's posterior. It (i.e. the window) shattered, and the little Welshman who got in at St. Clears never spoke with more truth than when he said, "There's broken glass here, I can tell by looking." As usual, the Zoology department of Bristol University were present in full force; and members of other schools also, as Geographers.

The settling-in process (into rooms much improved in décor since last year) was marked by a gentle riot lasting well past the bewitching hour. This drew displeasure from all around, and early retirement was enforced for the sake of all those within fifteen miles who wished to sleep. The ghosts of Dale must have been aroused, because later in the week an apparition appeared in the Common Room late one evening, clad in a red dressing-gown, and demanded in sepulchral tones, that the rendering of "I aint a gonna grieve" should cease, and the Dalesian Choral Society should go to bed.

The studies pursued followed their usual even tenor. The first morning was devoted to Algae, the ease of sitting suddenly upon weed-covered rock, contemplation of the rain, and other thoughts, unsuitable for publication. Spike was overheard to ponder aloud the reason for his presence in that particular rockpool, and even Boz was heard to lament "Well, I never." Relations between them and the other inhabitants of the Fort were polite, but reserved, until Clev and Fred, a Bristol Zoologist, tried to throw each other down a flight of stairs. This broke the ice somewhat, and they found good friends in a diverse company of fellows, including the Bearded Bee, a youth given to complaint about the anti-social nature of his stomach; Boris the Bristolian; Horace who was, alas, "down to mah larst hawf-ownz of tobaccow," and Tony who would have been in his element singing ballads in a Victorian drawing-room.

On Sunday, being a rest-day, an impromptu game of Rugger was played on the sands of Westdale Bay, by some of the members, and Plant, in possession of the ball was backed into touch by Bunter, and a wave broke over him, which was unfortunate. Hog, who had been watching, remarked that, in his opinion, it was a silly game. He was probably right. Chief then led the march back to Dale, via St. Anne's Head, but ended up in a Naval Station which warned of the dangers of unauthorised entry. So they retreated the way they had come, and went back another way. Clev and Chief attempted to analyse the population/salinity correlation of rock-pools, but a dog upset the salinity results. This was annoying, as Clev had arisen at five-thirty (figures 5.30) in order to take the first reading. This sacrifice has not been sufficiently appreciated, it is published here, so that all may know of it. Alas, and alack, the last day approached, and nobody had even conversed with the Bristol who so resembled Miss Grace Kelly. It had been rainier than ever, too.

The last day was a fine one, and the final touches were put to the practical side of the work, then they cleared up and made ready to depart the next morning. The evening was free, and taking advantage of a fine evening most of the party decided to go for a walk. Down in the village were some of their

Bristol friends, and eventually they found themselves on the cliffs overlooking Westdale Bay. On the beautiful stretch of sand below, some of the Bristol lads and lassies were playing tag. Standing in the moonlight the boys sang, and serenaded the players below. After a while they descended and joined the revels below. About midnight, back in the Fort Kitchens, they joined in a jive session and, like true addicts, drank tea. The others mostly slept. At six they got up, ate, and departed down the road. From the coach bearing them home they saw the Fort—standing solid on the cliff as it has been for a century, and will be, it is hoped, for many years to come.

The party wishes to express their sincere thanks to all who came in contact with them, for their forbearance, and consideration in not turning them over to the nearest Mental Hospital; and especially to Mr. & Mrs. Colombo, without whose direction, help, and interest the trip would never have been made, and would have been no use if it had.

"Under the loud stars of Wales
Cry, multitudes of arks."

The Tower

Oh noble sentinel! Stand fast
Another thousand years,
A relic of the glorious past,
A certain comfort, while you last,
In our well-founded fears.

Through national disasters, strong,
Unmoved by great events,
You pay no heed to right or wrong;
To you impartially belong
Successive governments.

Despite the bloody battles fought
Around this England's shore,
Impassively you lend support
And share our joy, though dearly bought,
Untarnished by the gore.

Stand solid in this fluid world.
Your flags, like angel's wings, unfurled
In majesty beside the Thames—
In one quick glance, two priceless gems—
Make strong our hearts.

But what of all this massive strength?
What use tradition
In this age of bombs
Which could, if so desired,
Lay waste our land at one fell stroke?
Shatter our stones,
Raze grandeur to the ground,
But try to break our will, or win our hearts,
And you will try in vain.
Our frame, but not our fame,
You can destroy, if God so wills.
The spirit of this England will live on.

J. R. LITTLE, U.VI.

The Mathematics Examination

I've never seen anything like this. The only good thing about it, as far as I can see, is that it's written in English.

Or is it?

I'm going to fail, I know I am.

No I'm not. I'm going to pass somehow. That would shake old Nichols! Poor old Nichols, it must be depressing for a schoolmaster to get results like me. Still it's very depressing for me too. I didn't ask to learn maths.

I've got to answer 4 questions, have I? And there's 8 to choose from. Let's see. . . .

I suppose this is arithmetic. . . .

I can't do any of these. That's all there is to it. I wish I could die. No I don't, I wish I could have a stroke right now.

There's Michael Brown scratching away already. I wonder what it feels like to be brainy? Anyway, he can't help it—he was born like it.

Well, I'd better do *something*.

I'll shut my eyes and dab with my pen.

Questions 2, 3, 5 and 7. I'll try those.

Question two:- "A man earns £10 7s. a week. He spends $\frac{1}{4}$ th of his income on food, $\frac{1}{17}$ th on bills, and $\frac{1}{10}$ th on other items. The rest he spends on luxuries. How much do these luxuries cost?"

"His four children are sent to the country for a holiday and he saves 50% in food costs and 23% on fuel but needs 18% more than before on other items and 17s. 7d. more than before on clothes. If he uses the rest of the money on the upkeep of the children how much does he pay for each child?"

Well, all I can say is "cor blimey", even if it would horrify old Nichols.

I wonder what the other items are, and what about Income Tax?

Michael Brown's ears stick out. . . .

Why has he sent his children to the country? I wonder where his wife is.

I wonder if I've got enough money to see Betty Grable next week.

What about his wife's items? . . .

Well, I'd better get started. Oh dear. . . .

How lucky David Jones was to get flu. . . .

There, that's the first part done. *Therefore these items cost £10 2s. 6d.*

But it can't be! He only had £10 7s. to start with!

Blank! . . .

£13 13s. That's worse. . . .

Now I make it £2 27/126!

What can you do about that? Send your children to the country, of course. *Ha, ha!*

Oh well, on to the next part.

Imagine Einstein! . . .

If I were this man, I'd get another job. . . .

There now, done it.

Therefore the maintenance for each child is minus three-pence ha'penny.

I can't bear it! . . .

Well I'm not going to do it again. I simply couldn't face it. . . .

I'll smudge it a bit. . . .

Life must be very dull for Michael Brown.

I'd better get on. . . .

I wonder where David Jones got his germs . . .

IAN D. STUART, IIC.

City In Winterfall

I saw them come across the bridge,
Spewed from the southern suburbs,
A thousand thousand empty bodies,
Clammed in the shell of time.
Regular as the tide beneath, they come
And regular they return at the homing hour,
Leaving perhaps a few, who seek in this dry city
The vessel which may fill them and allow
Their soul to penetrate the crust of their existence
And make them live.

In this cruel month I see greyness;
All definition lost, amid infinite mergence
And compromise. The sky is leaden grey
Wanting only to shed its ill-begotten child
Upon the buildings of this greying city,
Older than those who called this grey river Thames.

In such a world of uncertainty,
Reality is false, false as the thought
That this greasy sewer, going hard
For the sea, might suddenly become
Soft, and then run softly.

So in this falsehood now existing
I walk softly and let
My thoughts now fall
To the night, where, clouding with my breath
They are lost on the snow-specked air.

To you, my companion, journeying
Through this winter-set, faring forward
To a sharper spring of resolution,
I now address my thoughts. How shall I start?
For in my beginning is my end
And I fear that end. Let us, then, seek the spring,
Travel out of this desolate waste city
And seek the living earth.

I. G. SIMMONS, U.VI.



News from the Old Boys

University Notes

AS LAST year, an attempt is being made to provide news of some of our Old Boys who are at Universities. Although many of them still visit the School it is difficult to receive news of some, and apologies are tendered to any who, not mentioned here, feel that they should be.

At the University of London many old boys are studying. At King's College, W. Hines is reading Zoology, and L. Goldfine, medicine. R. Faulkner is also continuing his medical studies at King's. At the London School of Economics, S. F. Holness and W. Birnage are busy preparing for their Part I examinations. E. Rayner, also at L.S.E., is a member of the Conservative Committee, and Travel Officer for the L.S.E. Union. He had also been playing hockey for the L.S.E. 1st XI. Also enlivening the precincts of Houghton Street are A. Jones and F. B. Barnes who are giving, respectively, of their hockey and football skills to their College. Another stalwart day-boy is A. G. Stroud who is studying dentistry at the London Hospital, in spite of attractions nearer home! Another medical proceeded from School last year: J. Mansfield, who is now at Guy's Hospital. At U.C., M. Thurgood, studying architecture, rejoices under the soubriquet of "Mad Dick"!

In the provinces many continue their studies unseen and unsung but we have news from Bristol, where J. Ray has graduated as a B.Sc., M. Askew has taken a large part in Rag Week celebrations and is well on the way to being champion notice-board-pincher of the University. G. Witchell, last year's School Captain, and J. C. Turner are reading biochemistry at Bristol, and both have found time to learn to jive. From Reading, we have seen much of S. Cutts and W. Bradshaw, especially in connection with hockey. In *The Swan*, 1955, it was stated that Bill had beaten the record for the "Pint-swallow". He wishes this to be corrected: he has beaten the record for the Gill-swallow!

From the many who had provisional places there, E. Wallner and B. Garner only, made their way to Nottingham last October. There, they share a room in Hugh Stewart Hall, and appear to be enjoying themselves very much, giving their football talent to the services of their Hall. E. Wallner was seen by this year's party in Keswick where they gave him shelter for the night. At Leeds, L. Glanville, the sole representative of the School, is playing for the University Football XI, and in Manchester the Giles Bros. are carrying the name of the school with distinction.

We are always pleased to hear of old friends who are at Universities, and a short note to the Editors would be appreciated; it saves time, stamps and footwear!

I.G.S.

The Old Paludians

THE MEMBERSHIP of the Club has increased once again during the past year, and it is hoped that this trend will continue.

The social life of the organization has been very active, resulting in seventeen dances, all well attended, which were held at the Dolphin Hotel. The profits accruing from this source are at the highest level in the Club's history. As in previous years, visits to various London theatres have been arranged at monthly intervals. Amongst the shows seen were *Dry Rot*, *The Pajama Game* and *The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker*.

Jumble sales and draws are now regular features of our fund-raising events and to these were added, in July of last year, a fête held in conjunction with the School. This was a great success, being held on the day of the annual cricket match between the Old Pals and the School. It is hoped that it will become a regular additional attraction on the day of that match.

Pope's Field Development

It is now three years since it was first decided to purchase Pope's Field at Taplow for development as the Club Sports Ground. Since that time much work has been done by voluntary helpers from amongst our members. Their tasks have included tree-felling, hedging, ditching and the manual raking of the whole field. In all, a considerable sum of money has been saved by their efforts.

Commencing work last November, J. S. Bishop & Co. Ltd. have now levelled, ploughed, harrowed, seeded and rolled the ground. By the time this magazine is published the first cutting operation will have taken place. In the Autumn, the cricket square will be turfed, and the first games will take place in May, 1957. This recent development will have cost approximately £1,000 when completed, and our thanks are due to the National Playing Fields Association for their generous grant of £100 towards this sum.

Messrs. F. J. E. Robotham and R. Ford have been instrumental in the preparation of the plans for the pavilion. This will consist of a two-storey building with changing accommodation, including showers and baths, etc., for 72 people on the ground floor. Upstairs will be the club room, kitchen, and bar.

This club house will cost in the region of £2,000 for the materials alone. It is to be built by volunteer craftsmen from amongst members and their friends, those of us lacking the necessary skilled knowledge performing the "navvying" tasks. Many more volunteers are needed for such jobs. Please remember that, by helping the club to build its own home, you are also helping yourselves in the not-too-distant future.

S. W. JONES (*Hon. Secretary*).

Old Paludians Cricket Club

SEASON 1955.

LAST SEASON was again a very enjoyable one from the playing point of view although results were not so good as in the past few years. The actual playing record was won 14, lost 14 and drew 6. Our best match was against the strong Bracknell team which we only just lost by one wicket in the last over of the day. Closely following this match in good cricket was the game against Coopers Mechanical Joints which we won by 9 wickets after a brilliant piece of batting by Bob Neal. On August Monday the usual good day was had by all at Bradenham and with the weather being kind a very enjoyable game resulted in the Paludians winning by 60 runs. In the annual fixture with the School the Paludians won by 16 runs and so avenged last season's defeat.

During the present season the Paludians will be playing against all their old opponents such as Eton Wick, Fulmer and Bradenham, with additional games against Shene Old Grammarians, Rivermeads and Cowley.

Of the averages A. Rackstraw was top of the batting with an average of 24.6, followed by J. Osborne, 22.84, M. Johnson, 20, P. May, 19.27 and D. Edwards, 17.57. P. May was top of the bowling averages followed closely by J. Osborne, P. Seal, R. Bruce and E. Grant. The outstanding batting performance of the season was a brilliant 88 not out by J. Osborne against Slough Extra XI, which was only curtailed by rain. The best bowling performance of the season was P. Seal's 8-44 against Knotty Green.

In the six-a-side tournament at the Slough Cricket Ground, one game was won and the other lost. J. Osborne retrieved the side from a hopeless position in the first match against Windsor Exiles with a splendid batting display, but in the second match our opponents, Stoke Green, who reached the final, proved to be too good for us. We are again entering a team in the six-a-side tournament this season.

Officials elected for the 1956 season are:-

Chairman: H. W. Harris; Hon. Secretary: R. Ashley; Captain: K. R. Martin; Treasurer: H. Jones; Vice-Captain: P. Seal; Team Secretary: J. Osborne.

It is hoped that this will be our last season without a ground of our own, for Pope's Field is progressing very satisfactorily and we should be able to enjoy occasional games there next summer. In the meantime we are greatly indebted to the Headmaster for allowing us to use the School pitch during the August holidays and so augment our fixture list with "home and away" fixtures with other Old Boys' sides.

On the whole, the playing strength of the Paludians is returning to a really strong standard again, and with a considerable number of younger players, future seasons seem bright indeed. When we have a home of our own it is intended to field two teams, which will enable us to give better encouragement to boys leaving school, and so eventually raise our standard of cricket.

R. ASHLEY (*Hon. Secretary*).

Old Paludians Football Club

WE LOOK BACK on last season with mixed feelings. Our 2nd XI had their best season in Division 2 (West) of the Old Boys' League since 1948 finishing in second place, whilst our re-formed Youth XI became worthy champions of Division 2 of the Slough and Windsor Youth League. Our 1st XI though, could not escape bottom position in Division 1 (North) of the Old Boys' League.

The younger element in the 1st XI failed against their greater experienced opponents but in their favour it must be stated that they never gave up. We feel that these players, Hall, Hines, Jordan, Rackstraw and Smith will give a better account of themselves next season. The older members, Ashley, Biggs, Bush and Buckland (Captain) have played a large part in keeping this team from failing completely.

The 2nd XI's success is difficult to analyse. The abundance of members in the Club caused the introduction of a "rota" system whereby all players were given games. This led to no fewer than 38 players turning out last season for this team. The success though probably lies in the fact that the majority of these players were older and more experienced and more capable of filling unnatural positions in the team, when occasions demanded. The stalwarts have been Bryant, Cook, Ponting, Seal, Taylor, Tebbit and Jenkins (Captain).

The Youth XI did not have a hard season. They were usually more than capable of dealing with their opponents. There were opportunities for experiments to be made with this team and we look forward to the future with such players as Howard, Roberts, Chatham, Toogood, Ward and Willis forming the back-bone of next season's XI. We shall be without the services of Loveday (Captain) in this team next season and his steady play will be missed.

Our thanks go once again to the School for allowing us use of their facilities for meetings and training. We have been fortunate in having the help of Mr. Gibbs, who has willingly given his time on Monday evenings to supervise training.

Old Paludians Hockey Club

OUR RESULTS for the season just completed were the best ever achieved by the Club as a whole, and it is hoped that we shall continue to improve and strengthen our three elevens still further.

Last summer four enjoyable evening games were played, whilst an invitation Six-a-side Tournament, held at Ashford in August, was won by the Old Pals. During 1955/56 we attended three other Six-a-side Tournaments—G.W.R. at the beginning of the season, and Woking and Selfridges after Easter. Although we did not reach the finals on any of these occasions, our team gave a creditable performance each time. Unfortunately, Jimmy Osborne, playing in his first season of tournaments, broke his collar-bone at Selfridges. We wish him a speedy recovery.

For the first time ever the Old Pals had four schoolboy players, Michael Deuchar, John Hughes, Gordon Hanson and Michael Cousins, invited to play for the Bucks County Boys' Eleven. This team spent an enjoyable week at Seaford College, receiving expert coaching and playing against other County sides. In addition, the Club was again well represented in County hockey; on one occasion no less than six members were invited to play for the "A" Eleven. Those honoured this season were Frank Robotham, Tony Stevenson, Richard Ford, Ken MacLaughlin, Martin Haisman, Paddy May, John May and Eugene Hamblet.

The 1st XI had another very successful season, but unfortunately still cannot play really well on either extremely hard or very muddy pitches. Their best achievements were undoubtedly the victories over Hayes, Hounslow II and Merton.

The 2nd XI, having returned to normal strength, did well, winning half the twenty matches played, and next season they are expected to do even better.

Our 3rd XI, consisting mainly of schoolboys, has improved tremendously, and with more experience and coaching, should develop into a very strong team. In view of their success this season, and particularly the invitation four of the boys received to play for the County Boys' Eleven, our Summer coaching programme has proved well worth while. These training evenings for the boys of the upper School will be re-commenced in June, and will continue to be held at Lascelles Playing Fields on alternative weeks until the end of September. All those boys who are interested in this coaching should contact Michael Deuchar for final arrangements.

With the continued support of the boys at School, it may be possible for the Club to field a fourth eleven occasionally during the coming season.